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WAY OUT OF LEAGUE CRISIS

LET PREMIERS QUIT DEFENCE COUNCIL

And Nominate Members From Their Cabinets

JINNAH EXPLAINS POSITION

That a determined effort should be made to prevent any split in the ranks of the Muslim League at the present juncture, it is understood, was the predominant opinion expressed at the meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, which considered the question of disciplinary action against the Hon. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan and others on Sunday.

ACTION AGAINST PREMIERS

The Committee which met at the residence of Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League, adjourned after deliberating the question for three hours, with a view, it is understood, to evolve a formula that will avoid the necessity of any drastic action against the Muslim Premiers and other League members who have joined the Viceroy's Executive Council and the National Defence Council.

Later in the afternoon, informal consultations were held between supporters of the League Premiers from the Punjab and Bengal. It is understood that the talks were directed towards finding out how far the Premiers could revise their position with a view to accommodate that section of the League Executive which feels that they have been guilty of an act of indiscipline.

The first question to be considered after passing the budget was the proposed disciplinary action against Sir Sultan Ahmed who has joined the Viceroy's Executive Council and Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Mr. Fazlul Huq, Sir Mohammed Saadullah, The Nawab of Chattari and Begum Shah Nawaz, all of whom have joined the Defence Advisory Council.

BLOW AT LEAGUE

It is understood that at the outset Mr. Jinnah reviewed the whole question and emphasised the point that the prestige of the League as a political organisation would remain unimpaired only if the members showed a perfect sense of discipline. He is reported to have stuck to the position originally taken by him that the Government had brought about defections in the League ranks by including the League members in the expanded Executive Council and the Defence Council without previously referring the matter to the League Executive or its constitutional head. He is reported to have characterised as unconvincing and misleading the statement of the Secretary of State for India that the Muslim Premiers had been invited to join the Defence Council purely in their official capacity.

It is further understood that Mr. Jinnah urged that the Government had made what amounted to a definite attempt to belittle the prestige of the League and strike a blow at its effectiveness as a political organisation. He is further stated to have deplored that some League members should have played into the hands of the Government.

The Committee then considered the written explanations of the Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq and the Hon. Sir Mohammed Saadulla as well as the oral explanation offered by the Hon. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan.

POSITION OF PREMIERS

The explanation of Mr. Huq and Sir Mohammed Saadulla appears to have been that they had no communication or conversation with the Viceroy regarding their nomination to the Defence Council and that they gave their assent readily because the Governor assured them that they were being nominated purely in their official capacity. They further assured the Committee that they never intended to harm the interests of the League and if they assented to the request made on behalf of the Viceroy, it was purely in their official capacity.

In the course of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the League, they expressed the hope that the Working Committee, while coming to a decision, would take due note of their responsibilities and obligations as Premiers of provinces.

It is understood that the explanation of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan was also on similar lines.

He is reported to have made it clear that there was no question of disloyalty to the League on his part when he joined the Defence Council. It was merely in the capacity of a Premier that he had given assent to his being included in the Defence Council. He seems to have emphasised that the interests of the League were always dear to him.

SIKANDAR EXPLAINS

It is also reported that he was quite emphatic in maintaining that he had done no wrong in accepting the invitation of the Viceroy to work on the National Defence Council which, in his view, was his duty as the Premier of the province. He is also reported to have expressed surprise at the fact that his action was misinterpreted by some members of the League, as flouting the mandate of the League.

At the same time, it is understood Sir Sikander's whole speech was framed in a conciliatory spirit and he is stated to have assured the Committee that he would on no account think of injuring the prestige or interests of the League.

After his explanation, a general discussion is stated to have ensued in the course of which the various points of view were expressed by members.

One section of the League, particularly the younger men is reported to have urged that discipline was all important and must be maintained at any cost, if the League were not to come into public ridicule.

But a much larger section is stated to have put forward the view tant, while discipline was important, it would not do to carry discipline so far as to create a major split in the League ranks. This section is stated to have urged that in view of the explanation offered by the Premiers, a way must be found to maintain the League unity unimpaired.

A WAY OUT

In this connection a suggestion is stated to have been put forward that the League Premiers should resign their seats on the National Defence Council, nomti-

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R. A. F. Raid On Tripoli

Over 25 Tons Of Bombs Dropped On Spanish Mole

CAIRO, August 23.

A fierce R.A.F. raid on Tripoli is the high spot of to-day's Middle East 'communique' issued here stating LIBYA:—During the night of 21/22 August a heavy attacks was carried out by bomber aircraft of the Royal Air Force on the Tripoli harbour.

Over 25 tons of bombs were dropped on the Spanish mole where many explosions occurred and large fires were started.—Reuter.

German Bomber Shot Down

FREETOWN (Sierraleone), Aug. 24.

A Glenmartin two-engine bomber flew over the Freetown harbour on Friday afternoon and was chased inland by Hurricanes and shot down near the village of Newton with the engine in flames.

None of the crew was saved, but four charred bodies were recovered. —Reuter.

SARDAR'S HEALTH
Short Wave Treatment

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Dr. Nathoobhai Patel, family Doctor of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel informed the press that the Sardar who was undergoing short-wave therapy and other treatment at the Polyclinic was maintaining "status quo regarding his health."

DEATH FOR DISTURBERS OF PEACE

Petain Govt. To Wage Relentless War Against 'Transgressors'

VICHY, August 24.

MARSHAL PETAIN'S GOVERNMENT IS "ARMED FOR ACTION" SAID MR. PUCHEU, MINISTER FOR INTERIOR, IN A STATEMENT TO-DAY (SUNDAY), THREATENING THE EXTREME PENALTY AGAINST COMMUNISTS AND OTHER DISTURBERS OF THE PEACE. THE COUNTRY CAN BE ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BREAK UP WITHOUT PITY ALL ATTEMPTS AGAINST ITS AUTHORITY".

The manoeuvre has taken the shape, but in accordance with the mission confided to me by Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan I will not tolerate its continuance. Bolshevists will not succeed in thwarting the policy of the Government nor in preparing accession to power of foreign dictatorship. The law and the police give me means to maintain order, seek the guilty and put them out of harm's way."

Speaking of yesterday's drastic decree laying down penalties ranging from hard labour to death, Mr. Pucheu continued "Speedy and exemplary punishment awaits the transgressor."—Reuter.

SIR FRANCIS WYLIE

SIMLA, August 24.

Sir Francis Wylie who has been appointed Minister at Kabul left Simla, this evening.—A. P.

Fierce Battle In Odessa Direction

No Change On 2,000-Mile Front: Reds Hold Their Own

Heavy Rumanian Losses: Third Infantry Division Smashed

MOSCOW, August 24.

The Soviet midday communique states: "During the night of August 23 our troops continued to wage battle against the enemy in the direction of Kingisepp, Smolensk and Odessa. In the Odessa direction fierce battles are going on. Rumanian troops operating in this sector of the front are sustaining enormous losses. After the 15th Infantry Division, the routing of which was announced by the Soviet Information Bureau on August 23rd, the Third Infantry Division of the Rumanian army has been smashed. Of the third Division not more than 800 officers and men have escaped on the field of battle. It has lost in recent engagements more than 10,000 men killed and wounded.

In the last battle alone our troops captured or destroyed in addition to 15 75-millimetre gun and 8 105-millimetre howitzers, 70 submachine guns, 45 machine guns, five anti-tank guns and about 20 light guns. The third Rumanian division has ceased to exist as a fighting unit."—Reuter.

NO CHANGE ON 2,000-MILE FRONT

LONDON.—Latest reports reaching London indicate that there has been no change on Germany's 2,000-mile Eastern Front during the last 36 hours. The Russians are holding their own and at points are hitting back.

The German threat to Leningrad is undiminished, but there is no news of fresh progress. Stubborn battles continue and German troops are still being kept busy by Russian resistance around Tallinn in Estonia.

From the Finnish Front there is no news beyond a report from Stockholm that Norwegian hospitals have been ordered to call out patients to make room for German wounded.

IN THE UKRAINE

In the Ukraine fighting continues around a bridgehead west of the Dnieper still held by the Russians. To-day's German communique reports to have captured the Dnieper bridgehead at Cherkassy after fierce street fighting. The Germans also claim to have reached the Upper Dnieper at a fresh point and crossed it.

WAR ON BRITAIN

LONDON.—German people in their newspapers to-day are told that when the war against Russia is over an offensive against Britain will start. Dr. Goebbels has told a neutral journalist that the chief aim of the German High Command is to defeat Britain by defeating Russia first. Until Russia is beaten, he is reported to have stated a western offensive will be impossible. Other German newspaper articles say that the German fleet and the Luftwaffe are active now against Britain and that a decisive change against Britain is to be expected soon. Messages from other sources suggest that the German Air Force has been ordered to be ready for mass attacks on Britain as soon as winter weather puts a stop to raids on Russia.

RED'S MORALE STIMULATED

LONDON.—The war on the Eastern Front is to-day entering its tenth week without any decisive victory to the credit of the

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U. S. Out For
1,000 Million Dollars Tank Output

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.

An output of army tanks valued at one thousand million dollars in 1942 is called for in a plan made public to-day by the office of Production Management, according to a Washington message to the "New York Times."

The organisation tank unit, it is stated, is being lent to the United States Government's Ordnance Department by arrangement. This would "result in unified control of tank production in America for both the United States and Britain."—Reuter.

Shipbuilding Company To Be Taken Over By U. S. Navy

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.

President Roosevelt has directed the navy to "take possession of and operate" the strike-bound Kearney (New Jersey) Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

A Whitehouse statement said the strike "jeopardises construction of vessels essential to the defence of the United States."—Reuter.

German Consuls In Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 24.

The Mexican Government has withdrawn the recognition of German Consuls in Mexico. It is officially stated that this step has been taken following the German action in ordering closure of Mexican Consulates in France.

This refers to a Paris despatch to the Vichy News Agency, reporting that the German authorities have asked all Consular officers to leave the occupied territory in France by September 1. The preamble to the official Mexican Government statement emphasises that Mexico does not recognise the present situation created by violence in Europe.—Reuter.

"INVASION" EXERCISE
3-Day Attempt Tests Britain's Civilian Defence

LONDON, August 24.

Dutch troops aided by much of the equipment of modern war, including armoured cars, Bren gun-carriers and whippet tanks "captured" Birkenhead and Carlisle on Sunday morning. This completed a three-day invasion exercise in which Dutch troops took the part of invaders and the Home Guard that of defence forces.

It was the largest and most realistic test of its kind even attempted in this country, and has shown most valuable results both from the training viewpoint and from the tactical defence angle. This was a serious attempt at testing Britain's civilian defence scheme during which the ingenuity of both sides was given free play and which lacked much of the lighter side, common to this type of practice warfare.—Reuter.

MOSCOW OR LONDON?
Venue Of Three-Power Conference

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, August 24.

Intimately connected with the Soviet resistance of Leningrad is the question of a Three-Power Conference to be held in Moscow shortly. It is doubtful whether the Conference meets there if the Nazis continue advancing in which case it is not unlikely that the venue of the Conference will be shifted to London.

Churchill Reveals America's Role

SHOULD TALKS WITH JAPAN FAIL BRITAIN WILL RANGE HERSELF ON SIDE OF UNITED STATES

Tribute To Soviet

Anglo-American Plan To Smash Hitlerism Complete

LONDON, August 24.

Mr. Churchill, broadcasting to the world to-night, referred to the eastern front, and said that perhaps a million and a half, perhaps two millions of Nazi cannon fodder had bitten the dust of endless plains of Russia.

Mr. Churchill said: "Our generals who visited the Russian front-line report with admiration of the efficiency of their military organisation and excellence of their equipment".

Mr. Churchill declared that for five long years the Japanese military faction, seeking to emulate the style of Hitler and Mussolini, has been invading and harrying 500 million inhabitants of China.

JAPANESE MENACE

Mr. Churchill declared that the Japanese by their movements menace Siam, Singapore, the British link with Australia, and menace the Philippine Islands. He said: "It is certain this has got to stop. Every effort will be made to secure peaceful settlement."

NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN

Mr. Churchill, referring to the United States' negotiations with Japan, said: "The United States are labouring with infinite patience to arrive at a fair and amicable settlement which will give Japan the utmost reassurance for her legitimate interests. We earnestly hope that these negotiations

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will succeed. If these hopes should fail, we shall, of course, range ourselves unhesitatingly at the side of the United States."

Referring to the Anglo-American pledge to destroy Nazi tyranny, Mr. Churchill said: "Many practicable arrangements to fulfil that purpose have been and are being organised and set in motion."

HITLER WILL DECIDE U. S. ACTION

Mr. Churchill said: "We shall strive to our utmost to overcome all difficulties to bring aid to Russia. No barrier must stand in the way."

After exhorting the conquered peoples of Europe to have hope, Mr. Churchill declared: "Help is coming. Mighty forces are arming in your behalf. Deliverance is sure."

Referring to the question how near is the United States to the war, Mr. Churchill said: "One man can answer the question—Hitler."

AUSTRALIAN SPEED UP OF ARMS MANUFACTURE.

MELBOURNE, August 24.

Australia must increase her fighting forces to 600,000 men in the next 18 months, said Prime Minister Mr. Menzies, in a speech here to-day (Sunday). Munition workers must be increased to 150,000. Small arms manufacture would be 30 times the pre-war figures by next March. Australia, the Prime Minister continued would have completed 1,000 air craft by October.—Reuter.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST COMMUNAL AWARD

CALCUTTA, August 24.

A strong plea for carrying on a countrywide agitation for the annulment of the Communal award was put forward by Sir P. C. Ray while opening the proceedings of a meeting held this evening at the University Institute Hall in observance of the "Anti-Communal Award Day." Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukerjee presided.—A. P.

EVES' WILL FOR VICTORY

Challenge To Hitler's Brute Force

MOSCOW, Aug. 24.

THE WOMEN OF MOSCOW, REPLYING TO THE RECENT MESSAGE FROM THE WOMEN OF LONDON, SAID: "THERE IS NO POWER IN THE WORLD ABLE TO SHAKE THE SOVIET WOMAN'S WILL FOR VICTORY."

After thanking the women of London for their message, the reply continued, "The women of Moscow selflessly work at the factories, hospitals, offices and in the field of culture and art. We are deeply stirred and moved by the pledge you took in these historic days. We wish you success in your struggle.

"We are fully confident that the close alliance of the democratic countries will once for all do away with Fascism."—Reuter.

"ACCEPTABLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS"
Burmese Chamber On Indo-Burma Agreement

RANGOON, August 24.

The Burmese Chamber of Commerce has issued a statement declaring that the Chamber is of the opinion that the Indo-Burma immigration agreement is acceptable under the present conditions and circumstances though the terms of the agreement do not come up fully to the wishes and requirements of the Burmese people.

"The Chamber feels with great anxiety, the statement continues", that the agitation both in the press and elsewhere, created by some members of the Indian community against the agreement, might give rise to misunderstanding between the Indian and Burmese communities, and that if such an agitation on the part of the Indian community is allowed to go on unchecked, the Chamber feels that the harmonious relationship now existing between the two communities might be seriously disturbed."—A. P.

Chungking Gifts For Burma Governor

SHANGHAI, August 23.

Valuable gifts of rare Chinese products and a collection of articles having a bearing of Sino-Japanese hostilities will be presented to the Governor of Burma and the Burmese on behalf of Madame Chiang-Kai Shek by the Chinese Goodwill Mission now completing preparations to leave for Burma at the end of August, says a Chungking dispatch to the local Chinese Press.—Reuter.

ENEMY ACTIVITY IN TOBRUK AREA

CAIRO, Aug. 24.

Enemy artillery activity has shown some slight increase in Tobruk area, says a British 'communique,' adding, "In the frontier area there was increasing patrolling activity during which our artillery shelled enemy patrols, compelling them to withdraw."—Reuter.

NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT OVER BR. ON SATURDAY

LONDON, August 24.

No enemy aircraft was reported over Britain last (Saturday) night says an Air Ministry Communique. —Reuter.

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Bombay, 23rd August, 1941.

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M. B. DADABHOY,
Managing Director
Central Provinces Syndicate, Limited
Bombay, 12th August, 1941.
(5815)

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Dated this 18th day of August, 1941.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT,
Attorneys for Mr. Cassum Ismail Mistry, Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.
(5873).

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AUCTION SALE OF 21 DRUMS OF AUSTRALIAN MUTTON TALLOW.

Under instructions from the Insurance Co., concerned, Messrs BENNETT & CO. will sell by public auction on WEDNESDAY the 27th August, 1941, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at Messrs. Sizing Materials Co., Ltd.'s godown at 'G' shed Grain Depot Cotton Green Sewree the undermentioned.

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Gent's and lady's gold wrist watches, timepieces, a large lot of complete sets of Dentures, a lot of Tibetan and Chinese curios and other articles, wearing apparel, velvet carpets, rings, silver jug and cigarette case, "Seca" weighing scale, photo enlarging machine, trunks silk sarees, curtains and sofa covers, large lot of stationery such as pencils, various kinds of papers, envelopes, blotting sheets, press copy books etc., and numerous other articles.
On view from the 27th.

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A quantity of booked and unbooked Parcels, valuables, articles of clothings, books, umbrellas, vessels, etc.

A descriptive list of the booked articles can be seen at any of the important stations on the Broad-gauge section of the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company.

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Mahatma Indicts Burma Agreement

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ment Indians either have displaced Burmans or could be replaced by Burmans, due regard being paid to both the previous history of such occupations and their economic requirements: and

(5) Whether in the light of the statistics obtained and other relevant factors any system of equating the supply of Indian unskilled Labour to Burman requirements is needed."

Thus it was purely a Fact-finding Commission. Here is the fact found by the Commission:—

"There is no evidence of any kind to suggest that Indians have displaced Burmans from employment, which they had previously obtained.....Indian Labour in the past has been supplementary rather than alternative to Burmese Labour."

That surely does not justify the restrictions imposed by the Agreement on the movement of Indians in Burma. The recommendations made in the report appear to me to be in excess of the reference and therefore of no effect. Add to this the fact that the opinion of the assessors finds no mention in the report. It may not have weighed with the Commissioner but surely it should have found mention in the report

BURMA ACT PROVISIONS

Now let me for a moment examine pertinent sections of the Act. Here they are:—

Section 44. (3) of the Government of Burma Act 1935 says:

"The provisions of Sub-section (2) of this Section shall apply in relation to British subjects domiciled in India and subjects of any Indian State as they apply in relation to British subjects domiciled in the United Kingdom, but with the substitution in the proviso to the said Sub-section for references to the United Kingdom of references to British India or, as the case may be, that Indian State:

Provided that nothing in this Sub-section shall affect any restriction lawfully imposed on the right of entry into Burma of persons who are British subjects domiciled in India or subjects of any Indian State, or any restriction lawfully imposed as a condition of allowing any such person to enter Burma."

Sec. 138, of the same Act:

"His Majesty may by Order-in-Council direct that, during such period as may be specified in the order, immigration into Burma from India shall be subject to such restrictions as may be specified in the order (being such restrictions as may have been mutually agreed before the commencement of this Act between the Governor of Burma-in-Council and the Governor-General of India-in-Council and approved by the Secretary of State, or in default of agreement as may have been prescribed by the Secretary of State), and no other restrictions:

"Provided that any such order may be varied by a subsequent Order-in-Council in such manner as appears to His Majesty necessary to give effect to any agreement in that behalf made after the commencement of this Act by the Governor with the Governor-General of India or the Governor - General of India-in-Council."

No Restriction Can Be Imposed

The first read as a whole does not appear to contemplate any interference with the present Indian population. The second is decisive.

According to this section restriction by agreement cannot be imposed on the present Indian settlers.

I have no doubt whatsoever that the Secretary of State for India should not pass the Order-in-Council and should withhold his assent to the Agreement. Any restriction should be a matter for legislation by the Burmese Assembly in consultation with and co-operation of the Government of India.

It is pertinent to the examination of the Agreement to know what declarations were made by His Majesty's Ministers when the Act was passed. Here is the assurance of Sir Thomas Inskip, the then Minister for Co-Ordination and Defence on the subject:—

"Nobody wants to discriminate between British subjects domiciled in India or Indian States subjects when they go to Burma, any more than one wants to discriminate between British when they go to British India."

Mr. Butler (then Under-Secretary of State for India) also stated in the House of Commons:—

"In connection with unskilled Indian Labour, the Governor of Burma is asked to confer with the Governor-General with a view to regulating the immigration of unskilled Labour into Burma. ... The reason we cannot make a simple rule is that we have to make this differentiation in regard to unskilled Labour, while at the same time we do not want to stop the free entry of Indians in general."

Such declarations may have no validity in the interpretation of the Act in a Court of Law. But politically considered they have or should have the effect of promissory notes.

The Agreement is a clear breach of the declarations quoted by me.

I am glad that responsible Indian public opinion is being expressed in unmistakable terms in condemnation of the agreement.
—A. P

BEWARE OF COMMUNAL BIAS

Hydari's Advice To Officers Of Nizam's Govt.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), August 24.

"Whatever may be the case, let truth and honesty of purpose be your guide—in your utterances as well as in your writings—and let industry, integrity and freedom from prejudice fulfil their natural demands." This was the parting advice given to officers of the Nizam's Government by Sir Akbar Hydari this evening at a farewell function held in his honour.

Sir Akbar said that God had created man for action and the secret of life lay in indefatigable effort and ceaseless action. The sense of duty, he thought, should be the prime consideration. Continuing he said it was the essence of religion to hold humanity above everything and true creed consisted in refraining from wondering anybody's susceptibilities, while catholicity of outlook postulates the leading of a harmonious life. Communal prejudices, he believed, split a nation to pieces, shook its foundations and urged it along the part of destruction.

In conclusion Sir Akbar Hydari advised Government officials not to allow such considerations as preservation of personal popularity or individual prejudices or religious persuasion to come into play in the discharge of their duty.—A. P.

Two To Hang For Madura Riots

MADURA, Aug. 23.

The District and Sessions Judge, Madura, delivered judgment yesterday in what is known as the Madura Rioting Case arising out of the communal fracas in February last, in which one Hindu was killed. Of the seven accused persons two were sentenced to death, while the others were sentenced to varying terms of rigorous imprisonment ranging from two to three years.——A. P.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 22.

Six persons were injured, four seriously, as a sequel to the collapse of a wall of the Kesoram Cotton Mill at Metiabruz South, a suburb of Calcutta, following the bursting of an oil tank.

The injured were removed to hospital.—United Press.

Accident On E. B. Ry.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 22.

The Divisional Superintendent, E. B. Railway at Lalmonirhat wires as follows:—"At about 14-22 hours yesterday while an engine with one brake van was proceeding from Bonarpara to Tista Mukh junction on Bonarpara-Fulchari section of the E. B. Railway All the wheels of the engine except one pair of leading wheels and all the wheels of the tender got derailed at point No. 10. Obstructing the main line. Passengers and luggages and perishables parcels of 217 Up, 207 Up and 302 Dn. were transhipped at the site of the accident. The cause of the accident is under investigation. The engine was derailed at 22-15 hours. Thorough communication was restored at 23-20."—A. P.

Patiala Back From Malaya

CALCUTTA, Aug. 23.

H.H. the Maharaja of Patiala, who arrived here this afternoon from Malaya by air, left for Patiala in the evening with party after a stay of about four hours in the city.—A. P.

Arrested For Alleged Objectionable Speech

NEW DELHI, Aug. 24.

Dr. Sukhdev, a local Congressman, was arrested to-day under the Defence of India Rules for having delivered an alleged objectionable speech at Neharoli.—A. P.

ADVICE TO HAKIMS.

Hakim Rashid Ahmed Khan, General Secretary, Tibbia College, Bombay writes:—

The attention of Hakims is drawn to the closing date of resgistration. It will be two years on the 4th November 1941, since the Bombay Medical Practitioner Act of 1938 brought into existence. Therefore, it is advisable for them to get themselves registered before the closing date.

Those Unani Medical practitioners, who have not passed any examination of any institution recognised by the Government of Bombay, and have not registered their names before the 4th November 1941, will not be permitted by law, to practise in the Bombay Presidency.

I have been trying and insisting upon my Hakim brethren to get themselves registered before the closing date of registration, as very few days are left for the same. I hope the attention of Hakims will be drawn towards the registration. The Hakims who are practising in the Bombay Presidency and wishing to get themselves registered may apply for the registration as soon as possible to the Board of Indian Medicine.

I shall serve such persons desiring any kind of help, informations, etc., in connection with their Registration

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POSTAL HOLIDAY: Tuesday (26th inst.), is a Post Office holiday on account of Ganesh Chaturthi.

WILSONIAN ASSOCIATION: The annual social gathering will be held on Saturday (30th inst.), at 5-30 p.m. at Wilson College. Members and past Wilsonians are invited.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURES: At 4 p.m. today (Monday) at University Buildings (South Wing: Ground Floor) Shri Harilal G. Pandya will speak on "The Poetic Art of 'Kant'" (in Gujarati).

KHAYYAM CLUB: "Tagore's Life and his work" will be the subject of a special lecture by Lady Rama Rao, Mr. Fyzee Rahemeen and others today (Monday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Faiz B. Tyebji, Bar-at-Law will preside.

SUBURBAN STUDENTS' DEMAND: The Bombay Suburban Students' Union at a meeting of its Committee passed a resolution condemning the action of Police against the students who were peacefully demonstrating before the University Building on the 19th instant and demanding an impartial inquiry into the conduct of the Police.

MAIL COMMUNICATION WITH ABYSSINIA: Mail communication to Abyssinia (Ethiopia), Eritrea and Southern Somaliland which was temporarily suspended has now been resumed, but only unregistered correspondence as defined in clause 158 of the Indian Post and Telegraph Guide will be accepted by the Indian Post Offices for transmission to those countries.

B. P. MUSLIM STUDENTS FEDERATION: A public meeting will be held to-day (Monday) at 5-30 p.m. at Kaiser Baug Dongri when the Raja Saheb of Mahmudabad, President of the All-India Muslim Students Federation will preside. Mr. Jinnah and other members of the All-India Muslim League Working Committee will address the students.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS' UNION, BOMBAY: A public meeting of the workers of the "G" Ward Road Department will be held to-day (Monday) near the "G" Ward Road Department Office at DeLisle Road at 6 p.m. (S. T.), to demand increase in dearfood allowance. Smt. Maniben Kara, Miss Shanta Bhalerao and Mr. Prabhaker Deo will address the meeting.

THAKKAR VASSONJI MADHAVJI LECTURES: Mr. Ramanlal V. Desai will deliver the Thakkar Vassonji Madhavji Lectures on "Gujarati Literature" in the Lecture Theatre, University School of Economics and Sociology, on the following days commencing at 6 p.m. each day. Diwan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri will preside over the inaugural lecture and Mr. K. M. Munshi over the concluding lecture on the 30th August.

The lectures are open to the public:—
Monday, (25th Aug.), on Historical and Social background of Gujarati Literature—General.
Wednesday (27th Aug.), on Achievements of Gujarat—upto the close of the Moslem Period.
Thursday, (28th Aug.), on Nanalal, a representative figure in Modern Gujarati Literature.
Friday, (29th Aug.), on Ras Nirupan—old and new. (A study of Canons of literary appreciation).
Saturday, (30th Aug.), on Realism and Literature.

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: There will be no meeting of the Improvements Committee on Tuesday, the 26th instant as the day is a public holiday, viz., Ganesh Chaturthi. The next meeting of the Improvements Committee will be held here in the Corporation Hall on Tuesday the 2nd September 1941 at 3-30 p.m. (B. T.) An adjourned meeting of the Improvements Committee will also be held on the same day, after the ordinary meeting.

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REGAL—"Man Made Monster". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Four Mothers". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Lucky Partner". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Adam Had Four Sons". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
SUPER—"Bambaiwali". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Sister". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Naya Sansar" Daily at 3-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Charanoki-Dasi". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Lagan" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m
OPERA HOUSE—"Shadi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Holiday in Bombay". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Amrit". Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Akela". Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Pardesi". Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Bandhan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: The 55th birthday of His Holiness Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj will be publicly celebrated by the members of the Divine Life Society at "Ananda Kutir" on Monday, (8th September). Common prayer, meditation, Sankirtan, Nagarkirtan, Havan, feeding of Mahatmas and poor, lectures on Bhakti, Yoga, philosophy and Vedant will be conducted.

"STRIPPED" FLYING BOATS: British Airways announce that, in order to enable them to carry greater load for essential purposes some of the cabin furnishings on their flying boats have been removed. This will entail a slight increase of noise in the cabins, but tables, and the well-known adjustable chairs are still fitted.

This step does not represent a deviation from their policy of maintaining the highest standards of passenger travel facilities; but in the present state of emergency every extra pound that can be carried by British Airways is of direct value to the War effort, and to use disposable load for other than essential purposes would not be consonant with the present function of the Corporation.

INOCULATE & OBTAIN CERTIFICATE: The following warning has been issued by the Officiating Executive Health Officer, Bombay Municipality:—
The Sun Eclipse Fair at Thanesar in Karnal District, Punjab, to be held on the 21st September 1941 is likely to be attended by a large number of pilgrims from all parts of India including some from Bombay City. It is likely that cholera may break out amongst the pilgrims at Thanesar and there is a possibility of the infection being introduced into Bombay City by the returning pilgrims.
In order to protect themselves against the danger of infection and the possible detension in the event of such an outbreak, all pilgrims from Bombay intending to go to Thanesar are advised to register their names, get themselves inoculated against cholera and obtain certificates for such inoculations in the Municipal Laboratory, Bombay Municipality, Head Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, where arrangements have been made for such inoculations between 3 and 4 p.m (S. T.), for 5 days from Monday (1st September) to Friday (5th September).

"Silpa Exhibition"

Shrimati Jassuben Mody has been conducting the "Shilpa" and "Sadhana" Institutions (in Kusum Kunj, Ridge Road, Malabar Hill) in which various kinds of arts and handicrafts are being taught under her personal supervision.
Shilpa is an institution where elderly ladies and young children of means are being trained up, whereas in Sadhana Institution, started as an act of Social Welfare by Shrimati Vimala Mody on behalf of the Haranath Mission, poor class ladies are trained up free of charge. An Exhibition is proposed to be held of all kinds of paintings, leather work, decorations on wood and earthen pots, embroidery, cane work, etc., made by the students and tutors of these institutions at Cama Oriental Institute Hall opposite Government warehouses, on Apollo Street from Thursday the 4th September, 1941, to Sunday, the 7th September 1941, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 3 to 7 p.m.
The net proceeds of the exhibition will be handed over for the benefit of the Sadhana Institution, started by the Haranath Mission. In addition, the public will have the advantage of seeing the paintings and leather novelties prepared by Shrimati Jassuben Mody and the tutors of the Sadhana Institution as also by Shriyut Ravindranath Dutt and Shriyut Ashit Dutt.

BRISK ENROLMENT FOR A. R. P.

Hope Of Governor's Call Being Responded To Before End Of Month

The brisk recruitment of hundreds of volunteers to the A.R.P. Services is a direct result of the immediate response from all sections of the Bombay public to the recent appeal made by the Governor of Bombay for 20,000 additional A.R.P. workers.
Hundreds of applications are pouring in everyday, since the campaign was started on Wednesday last.
The A. R. P. Headquarters, in the City Council Hall, and the other centres in the city are busy scanning applications from morning till late in the evening. There is every indication that the figure of 20,000 which the Governor appealed for within the space of a month will be reached much earlier.
The applicants are drawn from all communities in the city and the suburbs.
The A.R.P. Service in the city and suburbs is already functioning with a well-trained complement of 5,000 workers, which includes first aid volunteers.
This will soon grow into a vast team of 25,000 volunteers when the fresh recruiting drive is concluded.
The A.R.P. Service though started under the aegis and supervision of the Government is purely a voluntary effort of the public. All the 32 A.R.P. divisional offices in the city and suburbs are housed in premises, which are offered free of rent by members of the public.

UNDER GOVT. CONTROL

The entire force is manned by volunteers who have even refused out-of-pocket expenses budgeted for them by Government. The Controller of the service and his immediate assistants who supervise the organisation are of course Government officials.
Government has sanctioned the payment of travelling expenses and provision of light refreshments to A. R. P. volunteers, but no volunteer is so far known to have availed of it.

GOVT. DRAWS TOOTH OUT OF AGITATION?

BOMBAY, Sunday.
Resolutions criticising the Viceroy's action in not including a representative of the Depressed Classes in his expanded Executive Council, and also condemning the Bombay Government for imposing a new and unjustified tax on the Depressed Class Watandars, were unanimously passed at a meeting of the Depressed Classes at Chaupatty this evening.
Mr. I. A. Ezekiel, who presided, said that the Depressed Classes constituted 25 per cent of India's population and as such were entitled to some representation in the Viceroy's Council. The argument that the selection was not made on the basis of political parties, was fallacious. The Congress and the League had turned down the Government's offer, of their own accord.
"The real reason is," said the speaker "that the Government wanted only rubber stamps, who would sign anything put before them. This Dr. Ambedkar would never have done."
He was also glad to announce that the Governor had agreed to suspend the new tax as far as Nasik was concerned.
Other speakers were Messrs. U. L. Karandikar, G. N. Jadhav, S. B. Jadhav and R. R. Kamble.

UNIVERSITY MUSIC CONFERENCE

The 9th session of the Allahabad University Music Conference will be held on October 19, 20, 21 and 22nd, 1941. The competitions will be inaugurated by Mr. P. H. Kutar, General Operating Superintendent, Tata Iron and Steel Coy Ltd., Jamshedpur on October 17, at 8-30 a.m.
Among the artists, Prof. Fayaz Khan of Baroda, Pt. Onkar Nath of Bombay and Prof. Ram Kishen Misra of Calcutta have expressed their willingness to join the Conference. Invitations have been issued to Prof. Mustaq Husain of Rampur, Prof. Hafiz Ali Khan of Gwalior and Prof. Mushtaq Ali (Sitaria) of Calcutta and several others.
Among popular artists, Saha Sisters of Calcutta, Nandan Sisters of Benares and Mr. Pahari Sanyal of Calcutta have accepted the invitation of the Working Committee. Replies from others are expected soon.
The booking of seats will begin on August 27 in the conference office, Muir College Buildings, at 4-30 p.m. The plan of the Senate Hall is also ready.

MUNICIPAL WORKERS DEMAND HIGHER DEARNESS-ALLOWANCE

Secretary, M. W. U., writes:—
Under the auspices of the Municipal Workers' Union, Bombay a public meeting of the workers of the Workshop held on Wednesday last at Foras Road Gardens demanded higher dearness allowance for all the Municipal employees earning Rs. 100 and below. Mr. B. T. Rane presided. Smt. Maniben Kara and Miss Shanta Bhalerao also addressed the meeting.
"The meeting also requested the Mayor to investigate into the state of affairs in the Workshop where no general increment had been granted to the workers for the last 10 years, and demanded that graded scale for all Departments may be drawn up in consultation with the Union to enable every worker to get an increase every year. As this question of Graded Scale is before the Standing Committee for more than a year, the meeting demanded an early report to be submitted after the joint conference of the Union officials."

TRIBUTE TO WORK OF BILLAVARS

Bhatt Opens Free Reading Room And Library

Under the auspices of the Billawar Association, a free reading room and library was opened at 17 Raghunath Dadaji Street, Fort, on Sunday evening by Mr. Madhavlal M. Bhatt.
Mr. S. P. Sanil, the Secretary of the Association, in the course of his report stated that the Billavar Association, which was founded in 1932 succeeded in founding a free reading room and library, after its annual amalgamation with the Billavar Hithavardhak Sangha.
The Association has so far been able to grant scholarships to deserving students to the extent of Rs. 1,500 and have thus encouraged the spread of education among large number of deserving poor students of the community. It disbursed payments to the extent of Rs. 500 to such deserving students, who were found absolutely unable to meet the expenses of their passage to their native places or otherwise were thrown out of employment. There is a volunteer corps consisting of 20 trained volunteers.
Mr. Madhavlal Bhatt, the President, congratulated the Association which had been doing very good work in the matter of amelioration of the condition of the poor community and helped the national cause.
Numerous congratulatory letters and names of donors were read out.
Mr. B. P. Koolurker, the President of the Association, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Madhavlal Bhatt having responded to their invitation and for donating Rs. 125 for the library. Mr. B. Vaman Rao also spoke.

Chagla Opens Ismailia Co-op. Stores

Mr. Justice M. C. Chagla while declaring the Ismailia Co-operative General Stores open on Sunday morning, at Rehem Castle, Sandhurst Road East said: "This small beginning is going to have a great future. It requires constant support and co-operation from the community. In a sense this is a very unique occasion when for the benefit of the community a Co-operative Stores was opened.
He congratulated the president and members of the Managing Committee and advised to have many more Co-operative Stores of the kind not only in Bombay but in the whole of the Province.
Messrs. S. G. Almola, Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Stores, Gulam Hussein Sonawalla and Lakadawalla also spoke.
Mr. Hussein Allibhoi Valji, President of the Stores, thanked the president and others present.

Bandra Muslim League Demands Disciplinary Action

The following resolution was passed by the Bandra Primary Muslim League:—
This meeting of the Working Committee of the Bandra Primary League held on 20-8-41 unanimously reiterates its full faith in Mr. Jinnah's leadership. Further this meeting desires to assert that the responsible members of the Muslim League, who joined the War Advisory Council and gave an undue impetus to the Expanded Executive Council of H. E. the Viceroy, are in no case entitled to claim to represent Muslim India and on the contrary their action has proved to be awfully harmful to the genuine interests of the Muslim nation.
Therefore this Committee requests the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League to take such suitable action in this matter as they may consider proper in order to show that the League is a thoroughly organized body of the Mussulmans of India and that suitable notice of all delinquents will always be taken.

GANDHI JAYANTI

Rajen Babu's Appeal For Khadi

PATNA, August 24.
An appeal to promote the sale and spread of Khadi on the occasion of the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti is made by Dr Rajendra Prasad.
Dr. Rajendra Prasad says: "Mahatma Gandhi's birthday is celebrated throughout the country. His life has been dedicated to the service of the poor and he has shown the way to serve them through the spread of spinning.
"Khadi is the product of spinning and unless it is sold, wheels will stop plying and the poor who are depending upon it for a morsel of food will be deprived of it.
"It is, therefore, hoped that those who are not able to help the spread of Charkha in any other way will at least do so by purchasing Khadi. It is the direct way of providing work and food to the most helpless in the country.
"The rising prices of clothes at this time with the prices of Khadi remaining steady show its reliability in the midst of international confusion and turmoil and I hope the people all over the country will do their best to help its spread particularly on this happy occasion of Gandhi Jayanti."—A. P.

FOR GOOD NAME OF UNIVERSITY

Fellows Demand Enquiry

About 25 Fellows of the University of Bombay have addressed a letter to the Vice-Chancellor bringing to his notice as well as the notice of the Syndicate the happenings of the 19th August last, the Convocation Day which in their opinion demand an enquiry. The following is the text of the letter:—
We the undersigned Fellows of the University would like to bring to the notice of the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate the following matter which in our opinion demands an enquiry.
As you may be aware, a certain number of the students were on the 19th August, the day of the Convocation, either arrested by the police or forcibly dispersed while they were peacefully expressing their resentment towards the Rt. Hon. Sir Maurice Gwyer, who had been invited to deliver the Convocation address, and who is reported to have taken action in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor of the Delhi University which has given rise to considerable criticism of him. The arrest, or assault, on these students seems "prima facie" to be unjustifiable and calculated to mar the sentiments which should characterise a day like the annual convocation. We have also read in the Press a letter signed by several Advocates of the High Court who had been eye-witnesses of the events, and whose letter, we understand, has been addressed to the Vice-Chancellor stating that so far as they could see the students were behaving quite peacefully and exercising no more than their primary right of citizenship by expressing their opinion in regard to the presence and fitness of a particular individual especially in connection with an event like the annual Convocation of the Bombay University. We understand that the degree of force applied by the police in several cases has been excessive; and that the arrest and confinement of several students for a considerable period was without any specific charge against any of them, as was particularly evidenced by their being let off after the Convocation was over.
Under the circumstances we think that, in the interest of peace and harmony in this University, its prestige and good name in the student population as well as in the general public, it is highly desirable that some kind of a public enquiry into the matter be obtained and the results be placed before the appropriate authorities so as to guard against repetition of such undesirable occurrences in the future.
We accordingly request the Vice-Chancellor and the Syndicate of the University to move the appropriate authorities to institute an enquiry where the parties concerned may be properly heard without fear of victimisation and the results of which be placed before the appropriate authorities as well as the public.
We trust this will be treated as an urgent matter and will be placed before the Syndicate at its next meeting.

Future Of Christians

Under the auspices of Indian Christian Association, Bombay, an Annual Congratulatory Meeting was held on Saturday evening at Nagpada Neighbourhood House when Dr. Colaco, the Mayor of Bombay, presided.
Dr. B. P. Hivale, speaking on the future of Christian community, said that the members of the community had got great scope of determining their future by means of various educational institutions established for them.
Comparing their standard of education, etc. with that of other communities the speaker said that the Christians were not in any way inferior to them.
Prof. S. C. Sirkar then spoke.
The president winding up the proceedings said that at the present day most of them devoted much of their attention to material prosperity and not spiritual enlightenment.
Mrs. M. J. Ravade also spoke.
Mr. D. E. Wasker the Secretary of the Association thanked the President and the speakers.

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PRICE CONTROL CONFERENCE

The public have welcomed the Government of India's decision to hold another price control conference but they desire it to be held much earlier than on the 16th October, the date announced by the official communique. The desire is natural because prices have already risen very high and may rise much higher still in the next few weeks owing to a variety of circumstances, including even the announcement of the conference. That prices have risen high during this year is on official record, if at all any record is necessary to endorse one's daily experience. The prices of various foodstuffs have risen by about 40 points since January last. Those of clothing have also gone up considerably, the index of wholesale price of cotton manufacturers in Calcutta shooting up from 129 in January to 214 in July. It should also be noted that retail prices always show a higher rise than wholesale prices.

Why Prices Rise

During the last few weeks fresh factors have contributed to a further rise in prices in general. Among these may be mentioned the stoppage of imports from Japan, additional demands from Government for war purposes, the failure of the monsoon in various places and the damage done by floods in several others. Finally, the war conditions in general are, this time, such as to encourage, more than even before, speculation on the part of wholesale dealers and extreme anxiety on the part of consumers and retail shopkeepers to stock the largest possible quantities as a safeguard against fast rising prices. Referring to the intervening period from now to the announced date of the next price control conference, Government state: "In the meantime, the best service that the public can render to themselves is to refrain from making purchases in excess of their normal requirements; such purchases only serve to encourage those speculative influences which contribute to a rise in prices". But in making this appeal Government are giving undue prominence to only one factor tending to raise prices. Perhaps they do so to be in a position to put the blame on others later if their future schemes of price control prove to be as ineffective as the past have been.

Widen The Scope

That leads to the most important point to be considered by the next price control conference The conference should not proceed on the assumption that prices rise mainly on account of speculation and that all it has to do is only to fix the maximum prices and increase the powers of the controllers. Government have themselves acknowledged that the recent rise in prices is "partly due to speculative influences and partly to more substantial reasons." If the conference is representative and studies the price situation comprehensively, it is sure to come to the conclusion that the "more substantial reasons" have been far more responsible for the steep rise in prices during the last some months than mere speculative influences. And the most substantial reason is the failure of production to meet the situation brought about by restricted supplies and increased demand for war requirements. If so, the only effective remedy is to stimulate national production by all possible means, particularly of all necessaries of life. All national Governments have been doing so, with regard to the general needs of the people in addition to war requirements. In India, however, while Government have spared no ways and means to stimulate the production of war supplies, they cannot be said to have done the same with regard to other articles needed by the people. The Eastern Group Conference and other similar agencies set up by Government have confined their activities mainly, if not solely, to war production. But at least now they can, and must, make amends for their past neglect of the other necessary aspects of production. If they are prepared to do so, the forthcoming conference should have a wider scope than mere controlling of prices. It should be called upon to recommend measures to keep down prices in a natural way, by stimulating production and facilitating exchange of goods through better marketing facilities and better means of transport. It follows that the conference should be representative of all the classes that can help the purpose in view. It should also be called early, both for the reasons suggested above and to enable it to give full consideration to all aspects of the problem of production without causing undue delay. As this does not involve any political issues Government can well afford to be sympathetic and if they prove to be so, they will get all necessary help from businessmen and the public in the common task of improving the economic condition of the country.

Grave Situation

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that Iran's written reply to British and Russian demarches is regarded in London as "unsatisfactory". Iran evidently insists on her sovereign right to brook no interference from outside and, indeed, the Iranian Minister in Washington said that his country "would resist aggression from any source". Here one also recalls the significant speech of the Shah himself to the cadets at the passing out ceremony. A position of deadlock has been reached and the situation, as a Cairo message puts it, is grave. The Nazis, there need be little doubt, will try their best to give the British and the Russians a severe headache through Iran. Neither Britain nor Russia can remain complacently indifferent to the many dangers with which Nazi influence in Iran can threaten them.

But there is an Iranian point of view, too. And it derives its justice both from the rights of a sovereign country and from past history. Here is a passage from a recent editorial in the *Manchester Guardian* which deserves particular notice:—

It is, of course, easy to understand why Iran may feel resentful; relations between Russia, ourselves and Iran have been affected by incursions of Russian troops into the northern districts at the end of the last war, and our own interests in the oil fields. Riza Shah Pahelvi, who overthrew the old dynasty in 1925, is a man of Kemal's mould and has modernised this country of 15,000,000 people and its armed forces. His Iran is strongly nationalistic and jealous of foreign interference. Further, Iran for a long time has used European employees and may, therefore, easily resent suggestions as to whom she should or should not use.'

Clearly, therefore, the present attitude of Iran cannot be condemned as necessarily pro-Nazi. Equally clearly the situation, however grave, needs to be dealt with in a manner which is statesmanlike. The Iranian Minister in Washington has also emphasised that Iranians "believe that to maintain neutrality will be in the best interests of our neighbours, particularly Great Britain" Here is a valuable basis upon which an influential intermediary can work for a satisfactory solution of the deadlock. And the best intermediary ought to be the U. S. A. which, too, has a stake in and near Iran.

AMERICAN 'BUNDOBUST' IN ICELAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.

United States' soldiers, sailors and airmen in Iceland are ready to fight beside the British if called upon to do so, says the New-York "Herald Tribune" correspondent who has just returned from a visit to the island.

"I am able to report from first hand observations that United States' troops are entrenching themselves in Iceland for the duration and are fully prepared to fight to retain possession of the island and maintain the promised 'bridge of ships' from America to the British isles."

SHOULD CONGRESS DECLARE WAR.

He writes:—Should Congress ever declare war at the request of the President, American forces in Iceland are ready to fight side by side with the British as they did in the last war, except that the scene has shifted from the fertile fields of France to the volcanic plateaux of this Viking island. Already, Americans are taking up their battle positions beside their former allies. American marines have taken over some British garrisons and machine-gun nests and are living in tin huts erected by the British. American fliers share the same airfields and same mess halls with the British and American warships ride at anchor in the same bays and Fjords and do patrol work within hailing distance of British men of war.

FRATERNISING ON LAND AND SEA.

Fighting men of the two English speaking nations are fraternizing on land and sea getting along together very well. Indeed, the Americans are even teaching the British to play baseball and when winter comes, the British hope to reciprocate by teaching the Americans to play rugger and soccer."

Pointing out that Anglo-American strength has naturally been kept secret, the writer, however, says that many marines have been landed and there are more fighting men on American warships in harbours.

"It is safe to say not since the world war have American units occupied a foreign land in such quantity and quality."—Reuter.

LAW OF WAR DEMANDS ITS PRICE

BERNE, August 23.

"We can be certain to reduce by one-half British forecasts of their airwar plans against Germany, but we shall have to go to the cellars often enough till the nights are shorter again. It serves no purpose to have illusions at this prospect". So warns the "Das Reich" under the heading "Good Nerves".

It adds: "The sirens scream again every night. The experience of fifty to a hundred air-raids on which many German cities, including Berlin, can look back, has changed the nervousness which was understandable at the beginning into indifference. Not that the people have become insensible; on the contrary, the people are more conscious than 12 months ago, that hours of alarm change the fate of many. The people now, every individual is equally menaced as there is no first and second danger. The people have learned that this incalculability is based on the law of war, which in whatever form it appears, demands its price. The people in the stifling, restricted atmosphere of airraid shelters have no other weapon to face this remorseless fact except sober, and quiet, weighing up of the circumstances. Men and women on whom the days work lays the heaviest burden are often, when just torn from sleep, overtaken by deceitful fate. The complaints of those who suffered such losses cannot be stilled by the fact that reprisals always followed in double or tenfold severity. We make no illusion propaganda. Therefore we do not pretend that nights with screaming sirens are pleasant.". -Reuter.

NEW YORK WELCOMES DUKE OF KENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.

The Duke of Kent arrived by plane from Oshawa (Ontario) near Toronto.

The Duke is 'en route' on a week-end visit to President Roosevelt.

Mayor Laguardia, welcoming the Duke, expressed the "admiration of the people of New York City for the heroic and courageous conduct of the people of Britain in holding the line against the attack on western civilisation."

The Duke of Kent replying promised to convey "the very kind message you have sent to my countrymen".

The Duke who is holding a press conference at the airport, is 'en route' on a week-end visit to President Roosevelt, travelling by motorcar by an undisclosed route through New York City and State to the President's Hudson river estate.

The Duke told reporters "I am very pleased to be here and have a chance of seeing what the United States are doing for us.—Reuter.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Battle Of The Atlantic

One of the largest convoys bringing American shipments of food and war materials is announced to have arrived safely in British ports. Since it is the same convoy which was reviewed in mid-ocean by Mr. Churchill and was given a good "press", it too can claim to have been brought in a blaze of publicity. Its safe arrival strongly emphasises the point made recently by Mr. Alexander and the Norwegian Minister of Shipping. Although July figures have not been published, both have declared that shipping losses during the last month and the three weeks of the current month are appreciably lower than those in June, which in their own turn were an improvement on the previous months. This fact is borne out by German communiques too thus justifying the claim that the Battle of the Atlantic has taken, at least for the time being, quite a favourable turn. This is due to four factors. American naval patrols, strengthening of British anti-submarine and anti-aircraft measures, British bombing of enemy naval bases and German naval and aerial preoccupation with Russia. So long as these factors endure the hope is justified that the Germans will continue to lose in the Battle of the Atlantic.

After Two Months

The 22nd of August marked the end of the second month, and Sunday the ninth week, of the Nazi invasion of Russia. And the invader has yet to achieve the objectives which he was to gain triumphantly, within three or four weeks' time. It is, of course, undeniable that he can claim considerable successes in his third offensive, which has been in progress now for more than a week. But while the Russians have lost a good deal of valuable territory they have succeeded in keeping their armies and their resistance intact. Moreover, they have exacted a price for Nazi progress which the German High Command simply cannot continue to pay for long. In this connection the Moscow balance-sheet of gains and losses, which compares favourably with the self-evident wild claims of the Nazis is particularly interesting. The Russians are by no means out of the woods yet. In fact, the threat to Leningrad and to eastern Ukraine is quite serious. But so far German "victories" have been, as a British commentator recently put it, of impressive rather than of decisive importance.

Wanted More Roads

Presiding over the annual meeting of the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association in Bombay on Friday, Mr. R. H. Parker made out a strong case for more and better roads in India. Considering the vast distances of India and the need for connecting the numerous villages with railway centres for the better transport of goods, our road traffic is most inadequate. Yet if road construction is well-planned it can bring revenue to Government and local bodies in various ways, apart from providing good markets to the producers in the villages. Mr. Parker quoted telling figures to support this view. Indeed, this is now well known and several local bodies have recently shown commendable enterprise in the construction and maintenance of roads. But they cannot progress fast enough for want of funds or rather initial capital. This difficulty, however, can be got over if Government and local bodies co-operate and raise the loans for the purpose.

Physical Training In Schools

It is a matter for regret to learn from the Director of Information, Bombay, that schools in this province, are not taking full advantage of the facilities afforded by the Government for training in physical education at the Training Institute for Physical Education at Kandivli. The majority of secondary schools, it is stated, have not yet a Kandivli Diploma holder on the teaching staff, while others rest content with having one such teacher and others with deputing teachers for the short term courses in physical education. This is a pity, indeed, since the Kandivli Institute is one of the best of its kind and the need for systematic physical training in schools is now better recognised in this country than ever before. Government have done well to warn all schools in the province that they will be compelled to withhold the physical education grant and reduce the amount of the general educational grant, otherwise admissible to schools which do not send teachers for training to the Institute. Moreover, with a view to encouraging private candidates and graduate teachers to undergo training at Kandivli, Government have given an assurance that graduates of the Kandivli Institute will be treated exactly in the same manner as regards pay, prospects and status as graduates holding the Secondary Teachers' Certificate or the Diploma in Teaching (Bombay). We earnestly hope both the warning and the assurance will induce a large number of teachers to apply straightway for admission to the Institute. It is also desirable for parents to prefer such schools for their children as pay due attention to physical training. Teachers and parents who are yet sceptical about physical culture should at least pay an ute and see things for themselves.

INDO-CEYLON TALKS

Personnel Of Deputations: New Developments In Island

SIMLA, August 24.

It was officially announced this morning that at the request of the Government of Ceylon, the Government of India have agreed to resumption of informal conversations which came to a close in November last year.

It is hoped that as a result of these exploratory discussions a solution of the various outstanding problems of immigration and status may be found. The Government of India, however, are not yet ready for trade negotiations, which will be taken up at a later date.

Ceylon Views

The United Press learns that there has been marked change in the attitude of the Ceylon Government from what they stood in the last meeting. The moderate opinion in Ceylon is reported to be that all Indians in Ceylon should have freedom of movement and this definitely concedes the right of Indians in Ceylon to enjoy franchise provided certain period of residence is to be established.

The United Press learns that new developments have been created out of certain internal politics as a result of which Mr. Bandarnaike, Minister for Local Self-Government, has been left out of the present Ceylon delegation, which move is definitely said to be better for India.

The Delegations

The Ceylon delegation consist of Mr. Senanayaka, Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Corea, Minister for Labour and Commerce, and Mr. Drayton, Legal Secretary.

The Indian delegation comprise Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai, Leader, Sir Mirza Ismail, Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastri, and Mr T. G. Rutherford (members). Mr. G. S. Bozman, Joint Secretary to Government of India, and Mr. A. V. Pai, Additional Secretary to Government of India, will be associated as advisers and Mr. Raghavan, the Agent in Ceylon, will assist the delegation. Mr. Pai will also act as Secretary to the Delegation.

The United Press learns that Sir Girja Shanker Bajpai with the two advisers will leave Simla by the end of this week for Madras, where Sir Mirza Ismail and other non-official members will join him.

It is learnt that the Indian Agent in Ceylon has been asked to be in touch with the various Indian organisations and set up a committee to work out the basis of discussions.—United Press.

Object Of Talks

SIMLA, August 24.

Trade negotiations with Ceylon being expressly excluded for the present, it is presumed that the forthcoming exploratory conversations will be directed primarily to questions relating to immigration and status of Indians in Ceylon. As the problem of immigration to Ceylon is predominantly one affecting South India, the selection of the two non-officials is from that part of the country. Mr. T. G. Rutherford was an observer during the conversations in Delhi last November.

The suggestion for the resumption of talks was placed before the Standing Emigration Committee and it is understood, has their approval.—A. P.

India And Iranian Developments

NEW MOVE TO END DEADLOCK

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Aug. 24.

Arising out of the probable Iranian developments and directly affecting India's security some Indian sympathisers believe that the India Government will have to make a fresh attempt to break the political deadlock.

GWYER AWARD AS SETTLEMENT BASIS

They suggest that the Viceroy should convene a conference of Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. M. A. Jinnah, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Dr. V. D. Savarkar, with representative Princes and ask the Federal Chief Justice, Sir Maurice Gwyer to preside and report.

It is believed that the appointment of a Judicial President will obviate any possible misgivings as regards impartiality of the report.

It is realised that the first condition of such a conference is the readiness of all parties concerned to abide by the decision of the report.

Iranian Forces Man Frontiers

Since last night Iran's expected reply to Anglo-Soviet note requesting the Iranian Government to expel the Nazis at present holding key positions and thus safeguard her independence and integrity has been the hot topic of discussion.

It became known early last evening that the Iranian reply had arrived and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, had taken the same to the War Cabinet. The whole Cabinet is considering the note and it is understood the document is still under examination.

At the time of writing this despatch the contents of the Iranian reply still remain undisclosed, but it can be revealed on excellent authority that the written note more or less confirms the verbal indications of its contents obtained earlier.

Not only Iran was the chief topic of discussion here but even Hitler was burning midnight oil in Berlin where he had seen and discussed with the Turkish Ambassador the Iranian situation last Thursday.

TROOPS ON FRONTIERS

Iran is said to be manning her frontier

The usual month's leave for army cadets has been cancelled and the 1072 newly commissioned officers including the Shah's second son Prince Ali Riza has taken up duties in the field.

During the last twelve hours Teheran radio has been featuring songs traditionally sung by Iranian troops going into battle.

The German Minister in Iran is reported to have notified all German nationals "whose health is unable to stand the climate or whose business prospects are uncertain" to leave immediately. The number of Germans reported to have already left Iran during the past six weeks, according to official figures, is 640.

AMERICAN ATTITUDE

Iran's Minister at Washington M. Chayestch created a sensation last night by the declaration the Iranian army would fight against any aggression whether it be from Britain, U.S.S.R. or Germany. He added that the United States was not supporting the Anglo-Soviet attitude towards Iran. This has received some support from Mr. Cordel Hull and President Roosevelt. Mr. Hull said that he was speaking for President Roosevelt, and indicated that America had not been consulted about any possible Anglo-Russian move. So the question of "support" had not arisen.

AXIS THREAT TO IRAN

"Pursuing Same Tactics As In Iraq And Syria"

CAIRO, Aug. 23.

The situation in Iran continues to be one of gravity and the Iran Government's reply which is now under consideration in London is understood here to do little to alleviate the situation.

On one point, however, the Iran Government has made some concession to British feeling by restraining the activities of Rashid Ali and his gang who have been actively consorting with Axis representatives.

It may be that the Iran Government which admits the presence of 690 Germans in Iran—while they are estimated here to number 2,000—is not fully aware of the extent of German penetration since it is possible that a number of Germans on entry bribed officials not to report their presence which, therefore is not recorded in the central registry.

The fact that the presence of large numbers of Germans is not recorded in no way diminishes the Axis threat to Iran. Germany is endeavouring to do in Iran what she has not succeeded in doing in Iraq and Syria and is pursuing the same tactics of infiltration and eating away from within. A glance at the map will show how serious is such a threat since a German controlled Iran would menace the Caucasus, India, Iraq and the Persian Gulf and would affect oil supply from Iran and threaten the Mediterranean oil supply from Kirkuk. Axis supporters and intriguers in Iran can count on no support in Egypt where feeling is overwhelmingly pro-Ally.

Iran is Shiah Moslem whereas Egypt is Sunni Moslem. Iran is Aryan race and Egypt is Semitic. There is thus little cultural or other affinity.—Reuter.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"While the Working Committee of the Muslim League is busy discussing an issue of momentous importance to Muslim India, I deem it my duty to impress upon them that the decision to be taken against the Premiers of Bengal, Punjab and Assam will affect the fate of nearly half the Moslem population of India. I claim to know Bengal as much as anybody else and I wish to make it absolutely clear that Bengal is solidly behind our Premier.'

—Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi.

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In a statement to the Press, Mr. A. R. Siddiqi, the former Mayor of Calcutta says:—"The (Muslim) League has a Foreign Office at Karachi run by amateurs....."

This is an insult to some of the greatest living authorities on International politics.

Why they even know in a vague way the geography of the Middle East itself.

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The formal written Iranian reply to the British and Russian demarches is like the oral reply "equally unsatisfactory."

Let us hope for all concerned that it is not followed by a still more unsatisfactory Anglo-Russian reaction.

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Thus Reuter's Cairo Correspondent.

"Iran is Shiah Moslem whereas Egypt is Sunni Moslem. Iran is Aryan race and Egypt is Semitic. There is thus little cultural or other affinity."

How very effectively remarkable! We really believe that Reuter's are wasting their correspondent's brilliant talents as a helpful publicist. The Middle East doesn't deserve him. He should be transferred to—a harmless job at headquarters.

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Doctor George Gallup believes that "the greatest stumbling-block to more wholehearted American participation in the war is the fear that it may involve another expeditionary force to Europe...."

The fear, that is, that wholehearted participation in the war may involve participation in it.

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An American report suggests that the Russians are preparing for a long winter campaign.

We, however, cannot believe it. With five million soldiers already accounted for by the German High Command, how can the Russians continue for even a week longer? In fact, Russian resistance has already been liquidated and Leningrad, Kiev, Baku and Moscow are all in German hands.

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Nazi broadcasts are reported to be furiously threatening to destroy Leningrad as they did Warsaw.

Which, to us, is an extremely encouraging compliment to the defences of Leningrad.

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Declaring that the gap between America and Japan "must be bridged", Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador in Washington said, "I have a very strong conviction that it will be though I don't know just how."

He will know soon enough if his conviction is inspired by Tokio.

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Marshal Petain presided at a Cabinet meeting to discuss the "internal situation".

It is rumoured that the unfortunate people are to be administered extra-strong doses of Vichy water.

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"I want to give my niece a good clock as a present," said a woman to the shopkeeper.

"What about this one, madam?" asked the assistant. "It is a fourteenday French clock, and will go for fourteen days without winding."

The woman looked puzzled.

"And how long will it go if you do wind it?" she asked.

Odessa Has Sharp Teeth!

(Continued from Page 1)

Germans. The battle is raging all along the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea and everywhere desperate German assaults are matched by the stubborn resistance of the Red troops who appear to be fighting back with even greater zest and effect than at any time since the outbreak of the war.

There is no sign of flagging. If anything their morale has been stimulated by the success of their skilful defence methods, writes "Analist."

There are in fact indications that they are beginning to take the initiative in aggressive tactics in the central sector around Smolensk where the main enemy strength was at first disposed, but which may have been weakened by attempts to find a vulnerable spot further north or south.

In view of Russia's enormous reserve strength the Germans cannot afford to take liberties by reducing their forces in any region. Marshal Timoshenko has had enough time now to prepare for a vigorous counter-offensive.

A TOUGH NUT

In the north the Germans claim a local success near Lake Ilmen and refer encouragingly to the Finns, although they do not seem to have progressed materially nearer the goal of Leningrad. Tallinn is apparently proving as tough a nut in the north, as is Odessa in the south. The Rumanians appear to have been offered a chance to distinguish themselves at the latter place, and are apparently finding that Odessa has sharp teeth.

The report that the Hungarians are being pressed to send large reinforcements is in keeping with the general picture and shows that "the New Order" is proving an increasingly heavy yoke on the unfortunate vassals who so tamely opened the door to Hitler.

When history comes to be written it will probably be found that in point of suffering and sacrifice there is little to choose between the countries which opposed the Axis and were overrun and those which abjectly submitted to Nazi penetration.—Reuter.

DNIEPER BRIDGEHEAD CAPTURED?

BERLIN.—A German 'communique' claims the capture of the Dnieper Bridgehead at Cherkassy 120 miles south-east of Kiev.—Reuter.

KEXHOLM DESTROYED?

ROME.—A Helsinki dispatch says that Kexholm, on the shores of Lake Ladoga, was completely destroyed by the Russians before they evacuated it.—Reuter.

NAZIS CAPTURE OCHAKOV?

LONDON: The Berlin radio today (Sunday) claims the capture of another Black Sea port—Ochakov between Odessa and the mouth of the Dnieper. The Nazis report the capture of 600 prisoners 18 aircraft and 31 guns. Ochakov was isolated after Marshal Budenny's retreat across the Dnieper.

HEAVY BLOWS TO NAZIS

MOSCOW: The Soviet troops, commanded by General Konev, continue to deal heavy blows at the enemy, the official Soviet news agency reports from the central sector of the front. They routed a German infantry division, captured its artillery and smashed its headquarters, killing at least 3,000 officers and men. Enemy reinforcements brought up from the rear have also been routed. Soviet troops destroyed 130 tanks, over 100 lorries, many guns and a large quantity of ammunition. General Konev's men continue to advance liberating Soviet villages from the invaders and giving the enemy no respite.

"FIGHTING HARDEST BATTLE IN HISTORY"

LONDON, August 24.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, paid tribute to the R.A.F. today (Sunday) when he and Madame Maisky attended a tea party of officers of the Sunday Club at a London Hotel. He remarked that Russia was fighting the hardest battle in its history.—Reuter.

HEAVY RUMANIAN LOSSES

MOSCOW, Aug. 24.

Extremely heavy Rumanian losses in the fighting round Odessa are claimed by the Soviet in a supplementary "communique" issued early this morning.

"In many Rumanian divisions, not more than 20 to 25 per cent of the officers and men remain and material losses are even greater."

The case of the Hundred and third regiment of the routed Fifteenth Infantry Division is cited as follows, based on the evidence of the prisoners:

Only 350 men remained out of the original 3,700 and 20 officers out of 485 and they lost 98 and 59 heavy and light machine guns out of 108 and 66 respectively and practically all of their artillery.—Reuter.

5 MORE HUNGARIAN DIVISIONS DEMANDED

MOSCOW.—According to well-informed Geneva sources, Germans have demanded from Hungarians five more divisions for the Eastern front. A fresh mobilisation is taking place in Hungary. It is also said that Germans are complaining of the low fighting quality of Hungarian troops. Though taking practically no part in actual fighting, the report says, Hungarians are deserting in great numbers. In order to raise the morale of the Hungarian troops, several German detachments have been sent to sectors where these units are operating to stay in their rear.—Reuter.

PANZER TROOPS MOVEMENTS

BERLIN.—German Panzer troops which raced ahead of their main forces to reach Novogrod left behind large pockets of Soviet resistance. The official German News Agency to-night (Sunday) reported heavy fighting between Lake Peipus on the Estonian frontier and Lake Ilmen, 110 miles south-east of Leningrad. This means that part of Marshal Voroshilov's army is still battling on at least 150 miles from Leningrad. German troops, said the agency, had "gained fresh ground after penetrating a strong fortified position and storming concrete pillboxes and dugouts.

Elsewhere in the same sector a number of "recently constructed military bridges" presumably over Piyusa are stated to have been captured.

SOVIET ATTEMPT BEATEN

BERLIN.—The Germans claim to have beaten off a Soviet attempt to land troops on the Estonian coast from the Gulf of Finland yesterday (Saturday). According to the Official German News Agency boats put off from three Soviet ships but they and their crews were "annihilated."

ANTI-ITALIAN DEMONSTRATIONS

MOSCOW.—Violent anti-Italian demonstrations have taken place all over Croatia following the entry of Italian troops to "restore order", states the Soviet News Agency. The Guerilla movement has been considerably intensified. Even the Ustachi (Croat terrorist) organisation is seething with unrest. Four members of the organisation were shot in Sarajevo yesterday (Saturday) following a decision to purge local Ustachi branches.—Reuter.

Nazi Claim

"VITAL STRATEGIC POSITIONS GAINED"

BERLIN, Aug. 23.

The battle for Odessa is being fought in "burning heat", according to the official German News Agency to-night. German infantry units closing in on the port are stated to have captured "vital strategic position." Two railway stations were stormed and captured in a bayonet charge, the Agency says. From there, German shock troops, supported by Rumanian tanks, "launched an attack on Soviet field positions and pierced the defence ring at a key point."

Two Soviet transports are stated to have been put out of action by the 'Luftwaffe' west of Crimea. In a battle with Soviet cavalry units in the central sector of the front, the agency claims that 4,000 Russians were killed and 3,150 taken prisoner. In addition 1,730 horses are said to have been captured. In far north, the Luftwaffe has made a series of raids on Murmansk, says the German News Agency. Wharves, factories and warehouses are stated to have been hit. Successful attacks on Soviet railways in the central sector are also claimed.

COUNTER-ATTACK IN SMOLENSK AREA

MOSCOW, Aug. 23.

Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow writes:

The Russian counter-attack in the Smolensk area was witnessed by General MacFarlane, Member of the British Mission to Russia in company with Colonel Grier, the British Military Attache.

Describing to the press this his first visit to the front line, General MacFarlane said: "I went up somewhere in the Smolensk sector and saw a division which was still in the process of carrying out a successful attack which had started 24 hours or more previously. The previous day they had advanced to a depth of eight miles. They had captured several German batteries. One had been captured by Russian tanks which had rammed the battery leaving only one gun intact. In front of this was a Russian tank with its turret blown off and the Russians had already buried the tank crew beside their tank in a neat little grave—It was rather dramatic. This was the tank crew that had rammed the guns.

The Russians were afterwards using some of the German guns against the Germans—always a very satisfactory experience. Where I was, there was a good deal of sporadic shelling, getting more lively towards the evening.

SOVIET FORCES IN HIGH SPIRIT.

Apart from General Koniev's drive on an undefined sector of the Central Front, there are also reports of continued harassing raids by Soviet Cavalry into the German rear. All indications here go to prove the high spirit of the Soviet forces both in the north where they are holding the threat to Leningrad and in the Gomel region where they fully realise the necessity for stopping any sweeping flank movement into eastern Ukraine with all its new industries.—Reuter.

PETAIN & DARLAN ACCUSED OF 'HIGH TREASON'

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.

Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan are accused of "high treason" in a resolution sent to General de Gaulle by representatives of 2,000 French war veterans in America.

The resolution urged General de Gaulle to deprive them of their military and naval ranks and to strike their names from the rolls of French Legion of Honour.

The message which is being cabled to Britain and ex-servicemen over the world also denounces mass arrests in France.—Reuter.

"WE HOLD IT BY ARMED FORCE"

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.

"If Vichy Government permits German control of Martinique or other French territory in this hemisphere, we shall seize that island or any such territory and hold it by armed force" declared the Chairman Mr. Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.—Reuter.

New Board Of Trade Order Not Directed Against China

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The Board of Trade have made an order prohibiting from Monday export of any goods except under licence to China, Japanese Pacific Islands and Macao.

The order does not apply to goods exported through Rangoon for transit overland to China (by the Burma Road). For such consignments, export licences will, in future, only be required for those goods for which export licences are required for all destinations abroad outside the British Empire.

It is understood that the purpose of the order is complementary to that which prohibits all exports to Japan and is designed to stop the channel of trade with Japan by occupied areas of China.

It is in no way directed against the Chinese any more than was the freezing of Chinese assets.

The order is in fact of assistance to China and its effect is that the Burma Road remains open without restrictions.—Reuter.

"Gratitude For British Aid To Suffering China"

SINGAPORE, Aug. 23.

The first week of September will be observed by Chinese associations and the public throughout Malaya to raise funds for Britain as a mark of thankfulness for "the security in which they lived in this part of the Empire free from Japanese devastation" and gratitude for British aid to suffering China.

The decision was taken at a representative gathering of South-east Chinese, a spokesman of which said that the only way of averting further sufferings is to shorten the war and the best way of shortening the war is to hasten British victory.—Reuter.

Attempt To Raid Chengtu Foiled

CHUNGKING, August 24

The Japanese attempt to raid Chengtu, the capital of Szechuan Province, was frustrated on Saturday when Chinese fighter planes intercepted the raiders driving them away, according to Chinese reports. "Over 50 Japanese aircraft reached the outskirts, but escaped eastward when engaged by Chinese fighters. Bombs were dropped upon Loshan, Hochwan and Liangshan. Fifty-four Japanese aircraft bombed the western outskirts of Chungking on Saturday, the reports say.

Chinese in the Dutch East Indies have raised one million dollars towards a fund for the purchase of aircraft for the Chinese air force.

'MOTHER'S' GIFT TO R. A. F.

LONDON, August 23.

The Air Ministry announced that Lady MacRobert of Douneside Tarland Aberdeenshire has sent £5,000 sterling to the Secretary for air for the purchase of a bomber to carry on the work of her sons who have been serving with the R. A. F. One was recently killed in action and the other has been reported missing on operations. Her eldest son was killed when his own aeroplane crashed in this country in 1938.

Asking Sir Archibald Sinclair to accept the gift Lady MacRobert wrote: "it is my wish to make a mother's immediate reply in the way that I know would also be my boys' reply: Attacking and striking sharply straight to the mark—a gift of 25,000 sterling to buy a bomber to carry on their work in the most effective way."—Reuter.

Br. Fighters Over Northern France

LONDON August 23.

British fighters during Friday carried out a series of offensive patrols over the Hannel and Northern France. In the course of these operations, says an Air Ministry 'communique', enemy shipping was attacked with cannon and machine-gun fire and a number of patrol vessels were hit. Hangars and aircraft on the ground at an enemy aerodrome were also attacked. Two enemy fighters were destroyed in combat. No British aircraft was lost.—Reuter.

NO TRUCK WITH JAPAN'S NEW ORDER

BANGKOK, Aug. 24.

Thailand refuses at present to consider questions like the Japanese "New Order" and co-prosperity scheme, as she does not want to be saddled with the consequent obligations or forfeit her neutrality, says the popular Thai daily "Thaimai" in one of the rare editorials appearing in Thai newspapers on "New Order."

"What does Japan mean by "New Order" anyway?" asks the Journal.

"The phrase "co-prosperity scheme" sounds well enough, but what is its object? We are waiting to hear more about it."—Reuter.

"Japan Has No Demands To Make On Thailand"

BANGKOK, Aug. 24.

Japan must not lose any more time before declaring openly that she has no demands to make on Thailand, in the same way as Britain has already done, says the newspaper "Thai Rasdr".

The newspaper makes this statement in the course of a comment of the Thai broadcast from Penang radio on August 19, which drew pointed attention to this omission on Japan's part.—Reuter.

"Ready To Do Anything"

BANGKOK:—Provided our independence and integrity are left intact, we are ready to do anything to satisfy nations friendly to us", said Luangvichit Vathakarn, whose official designation is now Acting Foreign Minister, and who broadcast on August 21, on the security of Thailand. Though Thailand was a small country, her contributions to the welfare of humanity was great, and she was the first country to contribute a considerable sum towards the anti-typhus campaign in Poland after the last war. She never missed the opportunity of participating in international enterprises for the well-being of humanity at large, he added.—Reuter.

CHEAT POSES AS B. E. S. T. METER INSPECTOR

An individual described as a Christian, aged about 25, went to a Parsi Fire Temple in a certain locality and, representing himself to be a meter inspector of the B. E. S. T. Company, examined the electric meter attached to the temple. He informed the priest in charge that the meter required replacement and demanded Rs. 10 as the "fee" He was referred to one of the temple trustees at Vincent Road from whom he managed to obtain Rs 10. He has not been heard of since and enquiries show that he was an impostor.

He may attempt to repeat this ruse at Fire Temples, shops, etc., or private residences, and the police request house-holders and persons in charge of temples and shops, etc., to communicate with the police immediately if the individual comes to notice.

LONDON. —A Twin-engined enemy bomber was shot down into the sea by a British trawler when it endeavoured to attack the ship, states an Admiralty 'communique.' No casualties or damage was sustained by the trawler.—Reuter.

Nazi Leaders Charge-Sheeted

BUENOS AIRES, August 23.

The 36 prominent Nazi leaders arrested here on Friday are charged with delivering to the German authorities sums totalling 1,100 000 Pesos from public subscriptions earmarked for local benevolent and cultural purposes.—Reuter.

VICHY SURRENDERS TO JAPAN

Frenchmen In Saigon Protest

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Frenchmen in Saigon have publicly demonstrated against Vichy's capitulation to the Japanese, according to a communique issued by the Free French headquarters.

The communique says "a French officer who succeeded in escaping from Saigon before the arrival of the Japanese declared that the French in that city are indignant over the servile attitude to the Japanese of Admiral Decoux, the Vichy Governor-General in French Indo-China. This indignation was shown by public demonstrations."—Reuter.

CHINESE GOODWILL MISSION

RANGOON, August 24.

A Chinese Goodwill Mission from Chunking led by Mr. Chiang-Mon-Li, former Minister of Education, will arrive in Rangoon at the end of this month.

The mission comprises nine members and Dr. Miss Wuyufung, President of the Ginlin College will be the Deputy Leader.—A. P.

Antonescu Promoted

BERLIN, Aug. 23.

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Commander-in-Chief, has been promoted "Marshal of Rumania", says a Bucharest dispatch to the Official German News Agency.—Reuter.

IMPROVEMENT OF BURMA ROAD

U. S. Experts' Proposal To Chiang-kai-Shek

CHUNGKING, August 24.

Concrete proposals for the improvement of Burma Road transportation has been submitted by American transport experts to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek. They include a 24-hour day working schedule at the Chinese customs station on the Sino-Burmese border and the despatch of a large delegation of American transportation experts to China including mechanics to assist in the supervision of the Burma Road traffic.

Mr. Daniel Arnstein who headed the group of three American transportation experts after surveying the Burma Road and submitting recommendations is now 'en route' back to Washington.—Reuter.

Indo-Burma Question

SIMLA, August 23.

The members of the Burma-Indian Deputation had their final meeting with Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai this afternoon.—A. P.

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nating some other members of their Cabinet in their stead.

At this stage, the meeting adjourned in order to give time to the members to consider the conflicting views which had been put forward.

NOT IN A HURRY

"We are not in a hurry to come to a decision on the question of disciplinary action because it is a grave matter and must be considered with due attention to the likely repercussions" said a member of the League Executive to a "Chronicle" representative.

The following members attended the meeting which was presided over by Mr. M. A. Jinnah: Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim, Sir Haji Abdulla Haroon, Sardar Aurangzeb Khan (N.W.F.P.), Bakht Jamal Khan (N.W.F.P.) Qazi Mahomed Isa (Baluchistan), Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Malik Barkat Ali, Nawab Sir Shah Nawaz Khan of Mamdot, Syed Abdur Rauf Shah (Central Provinces), Chowdhury Khaliquzzaman, Nawab Mahommed Ismail Khan, Raja of Mamudabad, The Hon. Mr. Hossain Imam (Behar), Maulvi Latifur Rahman (Behar), Abdul Matin Chowdhury (Assam), Sir Khwaja Nazimuddin, Maulana Akram Khan (Bengal) and Haji Abdul Sattar Sait (Madras).

The three members who did not attend are Mr. G. M. Syed, the Hon. Mr. Fazlul Huq and Begum Mahommed Ali.

The Committee will resume discussion on Monday morning.

Just before the committee met a few persons came to Mr. Jinnah's residence with black flags and shouted slogans against Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan. Three of them, it is learnt, were taken to the Gamdevi police station for being questioned.

RESIGNATION FROM DEFENCE COUNCIL

Sikandar Accepts Proposal To Preserve Unity?

BOMBAY, Aug. 24.

The "Orient Press" understands that as a result of the strenuous efforts made by leaders of the Muslim League to arrive at a solution which would maintain the status of the All-India Muslim League Organisation and at the same time appreciate the difficulties with which the Muslim Premiers, now performing the usual functions pertaining to their office have, it is reliably understood, greatly contributed to the satisfactory solution of the impasse created by Premiers, who are Members of the All-India Muslim League and who have accepted membership to the so-called National Defence Council.

Sir Sikander Hyat Khan has never countenanced anyone defying the All-India Muslim League organisation and he has, therefore, decided to resign from the National Defence Council thus honouring the mandate of the All-India Muslim League.

It is also stated that the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq and Sir Muhammad Saadullah, will also probably follow the same course. The Working Committee to-day only considered the explanations from Premiers who are Members of the Muslim League. In view of this development it may now be stated that in their case no disciplinary action is called for.

GHUZNAVI'S CONFIDENCE IN LEAGUE PREMIERS

CALCUTTA, August 24.

"Bengal is solidly behind our Premier", declared Sir Abdul Halim Ghuznavi, M.L.A. (Central), in a statement to the Press on the issue of the Premiers of the three provinces of Bengal, Assam and the Punjab joining the National Defence Council.

Sir Abdul Halim says: "While the Working Committee of the Muslim League is busy discussing an issue of momentous importance to Muslim India, I deem it my duty to impress upon them that the decision to be taken against the Premiers of Bengal, Punjab and Assam will affect the fate of nearly half the Moslem population of India. I claim to know Bengal as much as anybody else and I wish to make it absolutely clear that Bengal is solidly behind our Premier.

As regards the point at issue, I can claim with the political experience of nearly half a century that the Premiers took the only course open to them in accepting the Viceroy's invitation to serve on the Defence Council. Refusal to accept the Viceroy's offer would have been unconstitutional and would have meant resignation from office as Premiers. Every sensible person will support the Premiers in the stand they have taken and I hope the Working Committee will not bring about disruption in the Moslem League by hasty and inconsiderate action."—A. P.

STOP PRESS

CHURCHILL'S MEETING WITH ROOSEVELT

LONDON, August 24.

Mr. Churchill broadcasting tonight said: "I thought you would like me to tell you something about the voyage I made across the ocean to meet our great friend, the President of the United States. Exactly where we met is a secret, but I don't think I shall be indiscrete if I go so far as to say that it was "somewhere in the Atlantic."

In a spacious landlocked bay, which reminded me of the west coast of Scotland, a powerful American warship protected by strong flotillas and far-ranging aircraft awaited our arrival and as it were, stretch a hand out to help us in.

Our party arrived in the newest, almost the newest British battleship, 'The Prince of Wales' with a modest escort of British and Canadian destroyers. And there for three days I spent my time in company and I think I may say, in comradeship with President Roosevelt while the Chiefs of Staff and Naval and Military Commanders both of the British Empire and the United States sat together in continual Council.—Reuter.

IMPORTANCE OF THE MEETING

President Roosevelt is the thrice chosen Head of the most powerful State and community in the world. I am a servant of the King and Parliament, at present charged with the principal direction of our affair in these fateful times and it is my duty also to make sure, as I have made sure, that anything I say or do in the exercise of my office is approved and sustained by the whole British Commonwealth of Nations.

Therefore this meeting was bound to be important because of the enormous forces at present only partially mobilised, but steadily mobilising, which are at the disposal of these two major groupings of human family, the British Empire and the United States who, fortunately for the progress of mankind, happen to speak the same language and very largely think the same thought or, any how think a lot of the same thoughts.

SYMBOLIC

The meeting therefore, is symbolic. That is its prime importance. It symbolises in form and manner which everyone can understand in every land and every clime the deep underlying unities which stir, and, at the decisive moment, rule the English speaking peoples throughout the world. Would it be presumptuous for me to say that it symbolises something even more majestic, namely, the marshalling of the good forces of the world against the evil forces which now are so formidable and triumphant and have cast their cruel spell over the whole of Europe and a large part of Asia. This was a meeting which marks for ever in the pages of history the taking up by the English speaking nations, amid all this peril, tumult and confusion, of the guidance of the fortunes of the broad toiling masses in all continents and our loyal effort without any clog of selfish interest to lead them forward out of the miseries into which they have been plunged back to the broad, highroad of freedom and justice.—Reuter.

ALL HAVE A CHANCE

This is the highest honour and the most glorious opportunity which could ever have come to any branch of the human race. When one beholds how many currents of extraordinary and terrible events have flowed together to make this harmony, even the most sceptical person must have a feeling that we all have a chance to play our part and do our duty in some great design, the end of which no mortal can foresee.

Awful, horrible things are happening these days. The whole of Europe has been wrecked and trampled down by mechanical weapons and the barbarous fury of the Nazis. The most deadly instruments of war-science have been joined to the extreme refinements of treachery and the most brutal exhibitions of ruthlessness and thus have formed a combine of aggression, the like of which has never been known, before which the rights, traditions, characteristics and structure of many ancient and honoured States and peoples have been laid prostrate and now ground down under the heel and terror of the monster. Austrians, Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Danes, Belgians, Dutch, Greeks, Croats, Serbs and above all the great French nation have been stunned and pinioned.

JACKALS OF TIGER

Italy, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria have bought a shameful respite by becoming the jackals of the tiger. But their true situation is very little different and presently will be indistinguishable from that of his victims. Sweden, Spain and Turkey stand appalled, wondering which will be struck down next. Here then is a vast pit into which all the most famous States and races of Europe have been flung, from which, unaided, they can never climb.

INVASION OF RUSSIA

But all this did not satiate Adolf Hitler. He made a Treaty of Non-Aggression with Soviet Russia—just as he made one with Turkey—in order to keep them quiet till he was ready to attack them; and then nine weeks ago to-day, without a vestige of provocation he hurled millions of soldiers with all their apparatus upon the neighbour he had called friend with the avowed object of destroying Russia and tearing her to pieces. This frightful business is now unfolding day by day before our eyes. Here is a devil who in a mere spasm of his pride and lust for domination can condemn two or three millions, perhaps it may be many more, of human beings to a speedy and violent death. 'Let Russia be blotted out—let Russia be destroyed—order the armies to advance.' Such were his decrees.—Reuter.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

The following are two letters addressed by Mr. P. R. Sitaram to the Post Master-General, Wireless Branch, Bombay. They speak for themselves. Since Sir Roger Lumley spoke on the radio on the A.R.P. and appealed for public co-operation and welcomed helpful criticism, I wish to give this as one more instance of the way the people who try to help get exasperated. I have omitted giving the address at which these radio receivers are alleged to exist for obvious reasons.

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The first letter dated August 2nd reads:

"On the 28th of July, 1941. I informed one of the Wireless Inspectors by telephone that two unlicensed radio receivers were being used at...but I am very sorry to find that in spite of daily reminders no action has yet been taken. I have reliable information that the said sets are being used for the reception of Enemy Broadcasts at full loudspeaker volume.

While it is being publicised that effective steps are being made to control Radio Piracy and when the public are requested to co-operate in unearthing them it is, indeed, strange that when valuable information leading to such discovery is given to your department, the person in charge there should make a gruff reply and close the phone. It is the height of absurdity to expect the public to co-operate when such co-operation is cold-watered!

As I did not want any public credit or private harm for what I consider to be a civic responsibility and a moral obigation refrained from giving my name in the first instance. But this, however, did not prevent them from making discreet enquiries which would have resulted in the confirmation of the facts.

Being myself a member of the Radio Trade in India for the past eight years and cherishing, as I do, a great future for Indian Broadcasting, I find it disconsolatingly shocking that the wireless department of the most Radio-used city in India should be so callously inefficient as to ignore the very fundamentals of mutual co-operation."

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The second letter is dated August 22nd. It reads:

"It was exactly twenty days back that I wrote to you regarding the use of unlicensed wireless receivers in Vithalbhai Patel Road. Except for a a formal acknowledgment from the Editor of the listener I have not received even a line in reply either from you or from the others to whom copies of the letter had been sent. Finding that the receivers are still alive, kicking and shouting enemy propaganda I am left with no other recourse except to release the entire correspondence to the Press which may at least open the eyes of the authorities to the grave danger of departmental inefficiencies."

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This is not a matter with which a Government Department can afford to trifle. I feel that the Wireless Branch of the Post Office would be well-advised to attend to it immediately. It does not matter whether the reception is within the scope of the law or not. What does matter is the way public co-operation is not responded to.

SCINDIA Shareholders made history by refusing to be bought over by Lord Inchcape. And so we have some *National Shipping To-day.*

End Of Tiruppur Strike

TIRUPPR, August 23.

An agreement has been reached between the workers and the management of the three textile mills of Tiruppur as a result of which most of the workers have returned to work and the mills have resumed normal working. About 3,000 workers were involved in the strike which lasted for over a month.—A. P.

Hardware Merchants Protest Against Steel Controls

Manu Subedar Holds Restrictive Measures Are Not Justified In Existing Situation

The first session of the All-India Iron and Hardware merchants' conference was held at the Framji Cowasji Institute Hall Dhobi Talao, Bombay on Sunday evening. Mr. Manu Subedar M.L.A., presided.

Mr. A. A. Jasdenvala, Chairman of the Reception Committee after welcoming the delegates said: "In the past we have been subject to a lot of restrictions and controls which have tended to crush free trade. The general public is not yet aware of how they have been systematically deprived of the service our trade was giving them since the start of the present war marketing conditions in India, with particular reference to our trade, have been becoming more and more difficult. Government have, since the start of the war brought in certain restrictions as also introduced methods governing the supply of materials for general civil trade.

The immediate cause which has led to this conference is the Iron and Steel Control and Distribution Order of 1941. The provisions of this order are far-reaching and devastating in certain respects."

In the course of his presidential address Mr. Manu Subedar said that the iron and steel trade could claim to be one of the biggest trades of India. Before the war, India's requirements were supplied partly from the manufacture at Tatanagar and partly from imports. Since the war, supplies were cut off from abroad and the Import Control Order had further diminished supplies.

Continuing the President said:

CONTROL WITHOUT CONSULTATION

"The trade, which has been already crippled by the curtailment of its sources of supply, deserves every sympathy and encouragement at the hands of the authorities. It is, therefore, a matter of some regret that the authorities should have instituted a system of control without any prior consultation with the trade. The provisions of the control are somewhat vague, were not fully understood by everybody for some time, and, when they are understood, they present a degree of interference with the trade which is hardly justified by the situation. The provisions of the various orders of control leave a good deal unsaid, and much legitimate apprehension exists with regard to the future, and it is the business of this conference to urge on the Government that a trade, which is already suffering from the shrinkage of its sources of supply, should not be further interfered with until full representations have been made and all explanations given."

"The abruptness, with which these rules have been imposed on the trade, justifies the apprehensions with regard to the future and the request for an immediate adjustment."

In conclusion Mr. Manu Subedar said:

"When official action is taken without prior consultation with the trade, sometimes very amusing and ridiculous results occur. In the case of the iron and steel trade, the permission to sell without licence in petty amount involves in practice the complete stoppage of the sale of certain items, which individually weigh more than the weight permitted. Whereas the permission is to sell only 3 cwts., some items like beams, plates and angles individually weigh 20 to 25 cwts!"

PROTEST AGAINST RESTRICTIONS

The conference passed a resolution protesting against various orders recently passed for the compulsory acquisition of certain stocks and for the stoppage of all dealings, except under very strict and complicated conditions of licence, without previous consultation with the trade and without giving time for representations and explanations.

CONFIDENCE TRICK BY FAKE FAKIRS

Tales Of Woe By Victims Of "Magic Cure"

Criminals whose main attributes are a shrewd knowledge of human nature and the garb of a "Fakir" or "Sadhu" have frequently been responsible for depriving unsuspecting persons of money and valuables in this city and, in view of the reported activities of this type of criminal during the past few days, the police would like to warn the public against possible victimisation.

Two of the three cases reported during the week occurred in the North of the city and the third at Duncan Road. In one case, the victim, an unemployed Hindu, is a chronic sufferer from abdominal pains and on the morning of August 16 he had an attack of pain while going along Kalachowki Road.

Noticing his obvious distress, a bogus "Fakir" who happened to be nearby turned the situation to his advantage and offered to cure the ailment by "magic". He took the victim to Reay Road where a Hindu in ordinary clothes (evidently an accomplice) ran up to the "Fakir" and kissed his feet after which he handed over some money and voiced loud expressions of gratitude to the "Fakir" for curing his "dangerous illness."

This demonstration impressed the victim who had no hesitation in handing over all his ornaments worth Rs. 50 when the "Fakir" assured him these were necessary to effect the "magic cure" satisfactorily. The victim was then asked to go and obtain some flowers and on returning from this errand he found that the "Fakir", his accomplice, and the ornaments had disappeared.

The other two cases were of a more or less similar nature.

The Police are anxious to check the activities of these cheats and would appreciate co-operation by members of the public in the shape of immediate reports regarding suspicious "Fakirs" or "Sadhus" who may make attempts to practise the confidence tricks described.

CALCUTTA.—Indian students will now have the opportunity of prosecuting higher studies and practical training in the field of education of the visually handicapped in certain universities and colleges in England and America. It is learnt here. Scholars, who will be selected for such higher studies, will, in each case, receive a stipend of Rs. 4,000- annually from the university concerned.

KIDNAPPER FOILED

Girl Frustrates Criminal's Plan

A kidnapper who persuaded a Hindu girl aged 7 to accompany him from Malharwadi to an adjoining lane on the pretext of buying her "supari" and there removed her gold ornaments, was frustrated in his plans when the girl raised an alarm before he could make good his escape. An uncle of the girl who happened to be living in the same lane, heard her cries and pursued the kidnapper, who was eventually apprehended by a Police constable.

There were during the week, two other cases of thefts of ornaments from the persons of children, one at Dadar and the other at Grant Road. Although these figures do not indicate any abnormality in the occurrence of these types of crime, the police feel constrained once again to warn parents against the adornment of their children with valuable ornamments and jewellery.

BEWARE OF PETROL THIEVES!

As a result of the rationing of motor spirit, petrol has become a commodity for which a strong "demand" exists and it is possible that Bombay's criminals who are generally not lacking in initiative, will devise means of stealing petrol whenever they can get the opportunity. The Police would like to warn motor car owners to guard against these thefts. It is advisable to fit locking devices to petrol tanks whenever possible. It is also requested that unauthorised persons found tampering with motor car fittings and petrol tanks should be brought to the notice of the police.

Thefts of spare wheels and motor accessories continue to be reported in the Fort and Colaba areas and car owners are advised to take all possible precautions by securely fastening spare wheels etc.

SIR SULTAN AHMED MUCH BETTER NOW

PATNA, August 24.

Dr. Sir Sultan Ahmed, Law Member-Designate, Government of India, who has had a mild attack of bronchitis and fever and had to cancel all his engagements last week, is stated to be much better now. The doctors attending on Sir Sultan hope that he will be able to fulfil all his engagements from the middle of this week. Sir Sultan as arranged, will assume his new office on September 5, and leave for Simla the next day.—A. P.

SIX PARSI WORTHIES HONOURED

Dastur Bhathena Pleads For Purity And Righteousness

A solemn ceremony was performed on Sunday evening at the Mithaiwala's Agiari at Grant Road, when the Jashan ceremony was performed in honour of six dead Parsi worthies, under the presidency of Mr. Nanabhoy F. Mama. The names of the six worthies are: (1) Sir Hormasji C. Adenwala, (2) Dr. Kaikashru N. Bahadurji, (3) Dr. Dara M. Dastur, (4) Mr. K. B. Murzban, (5) Mr. S. J. Murzban and (6) Scouter Jamshedji Fatakia.

After the Jashan ceremony, Ervad P. P. Antia delivered an instructive sermon on "Greatness of Worthies," pointing out how great persons had left their foot-prints on the sands of time thei concept of charity, which did not consist in merely giving out money, but which included service done unostentatiously human well-being.

Major Shiavux A. Paymaster, in recapitulating the activities of the six Zoroastrians, particularly stressed the work done by Dr. Bahadurji in the sombre days of plague in Bombay, who was ably helped by his assistant, Dr. Dara Dastur. The former, though he died at the age of 40, had rendered yeoman's service and the latter during his career of 45 years had attended [illegible] patients freely, and earned their blessings, and thus lived like true Zoroastrians.

Dasturji Manekji Bhathena stressed the importance of leading a life with purity, righteousness and simplicity as the indispensable essentials in their everyday affairs. That alone would tend to and ensure the well-being of the community.

Mr. Mama pointed out the importance of remembering the life-work of Zoroastrian worthies, quoting copious extracts from the Avestan scriptures.

Mr. Ardeshar B. Homey ar. on behalf of the Jashan Committee under whose auspices the gathering was arranged, thanked all those who had attended the function.

Send-Off To Mr. Deshpande

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Byculla District Congress Committee was held at Chinchpokli on Sunday evening to give a send-off to Mr. Waman M. Deshpande who is offering Satyagraha tomorrow (Monday) when Sjt. Dhirubhai Desai President, B. P.C.C., Mr. M. B. Bora and Prabhu Master addressed the gathering on the present political situation in the country.

Mr. R. K. Acharekar presided.

Mr. Desai appealed to follow the lead of Congress.

SATYAGRAHA IN FRONT OF TEMPLE

Sjt. Waman Mahadeo Deshpande from 'E' Ward Dist. Congress Committee will offer Satyagraha tomorrow (Monday at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) in front of Laxminarayan Temple, Chinchpokli.

SUSPEND SATYAGRAHA Kisans' Appeal To Mahatma

SIALKOT, August 22.

A number of Kisan and labour workers of Sialkot District have addressed a letter to Mahatma Gandhi requesting him to suspend the Satyagraha movement and allow Congressmen to strengthen the hands of Soviet Russia.—A. P.

Fifteen Rounded Up

SRINAGAR, August 23.

Fifteen persons are reported to have been rounded up by the police, in connection with, the recent kidnapping of a woman from the village of Kulgam. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar, who visited the village, succeeded in recovering the woman.—A. P.

ANTI-FASCIST WAR FUND

The Secretary of the Anti-Fascist War Fund Sub-Committee of the Radical Democratic Party, Bombay writes:

Under the auspices of the Anti-Fascist War Fund Sub-Committee of the Radical Democratic Party, Bombay, a public meeting was held on Saturday in the Northbrook Gardens. Mr. Rajaram Pande General Secretary of the Bombay Party presided. About 100 people were present.

The president in his speech explained at length the implications of the move for the collection of this Fund and how the people by contributing to the same could show that they were with the forces fighting against Fascism.

Mr. B. V. Marathe emphasized that workers and peasants, by giving whatever little they could to the Fund, should show that they were not admirers of Hitler.

Mrs. Maniben Kara pointed out that time had now come for action and that the workers should express their sympathies with the Soviet Union and her allies in this titanic struggle against Fascism.

CONGRESSMEN WALKOUT

JUBBULPORE, August 23.

Six Congress Councillors headed by Mr. Byohar Rajendrasinha M.L.A., staged a walk-out at a meeting of the District Council today as a protest against a ruling given by the officiating Chairman, who is also Congressman.

The councillors wanted to move a resolution to nullify the Provincial Government's order which enjoins that no District Council employee should participate in any political activity and cases of those violating the order should be reported to Government.—A. P.

Year's Jail For Satyagrahis

JUBBULPORE, Aug. 24.

Mr. Purshottam [illegible] Ambekar, a Satyagrahi from Betul, who was arrested at Rewadi in the Punjab on his way to Delhi, has been sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment. He has been placed in the Sihkor jail.

Mr. Lala Prasad Arya, another Satyagrahi of Betul, has been arrested at his residence in Betul and sent to Amraoti to stand his trial.

Mr. Vijaya Bahadur Soni of Village Dhana in the Saugor district and Mr Sudarshanlal Jha of Mandla have been awarded four and six months' rigorous imprisonment respectively for offering Satyagraha.—United Press.

Two Congressmen Arrested

LAHORE, Aug. 23.

Messrs. Gautam Singh and Rajpal, who offered Satyagraha for the second time in Jaranwala, were arrested and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 20 each.—United Press

Betul Satyagrahi Jailed

JUBBULPORE, Aug. 23.

Mr. Purushottam Ambekar of Betul the first satyagrahi from Mahakhoshal who was arrested at Rewari in the Punjab while proceeding to Delhi has been sentenced to a year's rigorous imprisonment.—A. P.

National Unity First

PATNA, August 23.

BEHAR STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

Addressing the gathering Mr. P. R. Das, President, said:—"Cultural unity is impossible unless national unity is brought about and many authorities consider the will to be a nation the principal element of nationality. This is the field which the youths of India may cultivate to bring about the desired end.

He added: "Do not dwell on the differences that exist between the communities rather stress the points of agreement and declare in no equivocal voice that you are determined to be a nation."

The morning session was largely attended by local students and student delegates from all over the province. Dr. Sachchidanand Sinha, Vice-Chancellor of Patna University, and Prof. Hadi Hussain of the Aligarh University were among those present at the meeting.

Mrs. Anusuya Wagle welcomed the delegates and invitees..—A. P.

KEEP IN TUNE WITH MARCH OF TIME

Lilavati Munshi's Advice To Gujaratis

Interesting music and dancing items were the feature of the Janmastamo celebrations of Sahitya Sansad at Sunderabai Hall on Sunday evening. Mrs Lilavati Munshi presided.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, the president of the Sansad had sent a message to the Sansad apologising for his unavoidable absence. In his message he emphasised the desirability of India preserving her own culture and all that it stood for. India, wrote Mr. Munshi, was passing through critical times. They had seen great races of mankind falling into dust. The country whose rule was 150 years ago supposed to be permanent was involved in a life and death struggle. It was necessary to see the truth in all its perspective. India had experienced many an invasion. Invader after invader had come and gone, empires were built, and empires had fallen, but the soul of India, for all practical purposes had remained intact. It was the duty of Indians to preserve that soul.

Mrs. Lilavati Munshi stated in her speech that except in literature Gujaraties had made very little progress in other spheres of national life. She exhorted them to keep themselves in tune with the march of time.

When all the items of the programme were over, the celebrations terminated with the singing of "Vande Matram."

Munshi For Benares

PATNA, August 24.

Mr. K. M. Munshi left for Benares this morning.

Mr. Munshi during his stay here, held discussions with several public men of the city and explained the reasons why public opinion should be mobilised in favour of the "Akhand Hindustan" movement.

Mr. Munshi while in Benares, will meet among others Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.—A. P.

Munshi At Hindu University

BENARES, Aug. 24.

Mr. K. M. Munshi, who arrived here this afternoon from Patna was received at the station by Mr. Abraham and some of his friends and drove to the University, where he had an interview with Pandit Iqbal Narayan Gurtu, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Hindu University for half an hour. Later he interviewed Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

Mr. Munshi will be the guest of the Hindu University. He leaves for Lucknow to-morrow morning.—A. P.

Munshi Meets Rajen Babu

PATNA, August 23.

Mr. K. M. Munshi who arrived here this morning from Calcutta met Dr. Rajendra Prasad at Sadakat Ashram this afternoon and had an hour's conversation with him.

Mr. Munshi met some of the leading men of the town this evening at an 'At Home' given by his host, Dr. D. Sachchidanand Sinha.

Mr. Munshi explained to those present the aims and objects of the Akhand Hindustan which he emphasised was not going to be formed as a separate party in the country but a body which would work for national unity and solidarity of the country.

Among those who attended were Sir Sarvapali Radhakrishnan, Mr. P. R. Dastkar, Mr. Baldeo Sahai, Advocate General, Mr. Nawal Kishore Sahay and Babu Mathura Prasad.—A. P.

Ban On Humavun Kabir

FARIDPUR, August 24.

Poet Mr. Nazrul Islam, President-elect of the Faridpur District Muslim Students' Conference, Prof. Humayun Kabir, M.L.C., Mr. Ibrahim, Principal of the Karatiya College (Mymensingh) and Mr. Shamuddin, ex-Chairman of the Faridpur District Board, were served with notices under Sec. 144 Cr. P. C. on their arrival here today.

The Conference, which was to have been held this afternoon has consequently been postponed.—A. P.

PICKPOCKETS ACTIVE AT TRAM STOPS

Pickpockets have been particularly active during the past week in Bombay. The spate of cases reported to the police was not confined to any special area, but practically all the offences were committed in crowded localities among which tram stopping stations figured prominently.

Fortunately the culprits in the majority of cases were arrested. A person accompanying a "sandal" procession at Grant Road found his coat pocket being adroitly slit with a razor blade by a pickpocket whom he arrested and handed over to the police, while a Chinaman who was watching a Merry-Go-Round in a fair at Grant Road had his fountain pen stolen from his pocket. This was recovered later when the Police arrested the thief on suspicion.

In six other cases pickpockets were arrested red-handed, three by police constables and three by the complainants in the cases. There were two cases in which pockets were picked in cinema queues at Lamington Road and Grant Road and five cases of pickpockets operating on tram-cars and at tram junctions.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), August 24.

H. E. H. the Nizam laid the foundation stone of the new Secretariat building to be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 95,00,000.

STAND UNITED AND FIRM

Afghan King's Independence Day Message And Call To His People

PESHAWAR, Aug. 23.

A call to the nation to stand united and firm in the present world crisis was made by His Majesty Zahir Shah, King of the Afghans speaking on the occasion of the National Independence festival at Kabul to-day. The world situation, he declared was putting the nation to a test. They had never accepted the rule of others and they were determined to safeguard their national freedom and interests. Afghanistan had declared neutrality soon after the outbreak of the present hostilities and since then had been pursuing a policy consistent with that declaration.

The King reaffirmed Afghanistan's neutrality and said that that policy would be continued as long as their independence remained unthreatened and their rights and interests were not jeopardised. Afghanistan had very cordial relations with all her neighbours and there was no quarrel which could not be settled by peaceful negotiation and discussion.

His Majesty paid a tribute to the bravery and love of freedom of the Afghan people and said just as they had offered sacrifices while winning their independence so were they determined to make sacrifices, if sacrifices were needed for the preservation of their integrity.—A. P.

TAGORE MEMORIAL SERVICE IN TOKYO

TOKYO, Aug. 23.

A memorial service for Dr. Rabindranath Tagore was held today at Sojoji temple in Tokyo under the joint auspices of the Japan India Society, the Indian Independence League and Toa Doshikai.

The Japanese Poet Yone Noguchi delivered an eulogy.—Reuter.

Tribute To Tagore

(From A Correspondent.)

BHUSAVAL, Aug 21.

Glowing tributes to the memory of Dr Rabindranath Tagore were paid at a citizen's meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. K. S. Patankar. Speeches on the life and work of Dr. Tagore were made. The meeting adopted a resolution mourning the death of the Great Poet and by another resolution declared to collect Rs. 80 in his memory for the work of Vishwabharati and Shantiniketan the two well-known institutions started by the Poet.

Congress workers in the East Khandesh District met at Jalgaon Mr. Devakinandan the President of the D.C.C. was in the chair. Various suggestions to stimulate the Congress activities were considered and it was resolved:—(1) to enrol 10,000 members in the District upto December. (2) to chalk out a constructive programme for Gandhi Jayanti which will be celebrated in this District for a fortnight. (3) to agitate for the remission of Vanacharai and to remove such other complaints of the peasants

Tagore Memorial Service By Radio

CALCUTTA, August 23.

To-day (Sunday, the 24th August) from 8-25 a.m. to 9-45 a.m. (I. S. T.), the Calcutta station of All-India Radio will relay a special memoral service, to be conducted by Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee at Sadharan Brahmo Samaj, Calcutta, in memory of the Late Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.—A. P.

MYSORE CONGRESS CONDOLENCE FOR TAGORE

BANGALORE, Aug. 23.

A resolution expressing profound sorrow at the demise of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore and offering sincere condolences to the members of his family was passed by the Working Committee of the Mysore State Congress at its meeting to-day.—A. P.

Women's Tribute To Gurudev

CALCUTTA, Aug. 24.

Tributes of love and respect were paid to the hallowed memory of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore at a representative meeting of women held this evening at the Senate Hall, under the joint auspices of 36 women's organisations in the city. The Dowager Maharani of Mayurbhanj presided.

The meeting adopted a resolution, moved from the chair, condoling the death of the poet, the vast gathering standing in solemn silence.

By another resolution the meeting called upon the women of Bengal to show their respect to the sacred memory of Dr. Tagore by helping in the growth of the Viswa Bharati.

A committee with Maharani Sucharu Devi as President and Mrs. Biren Mukherjee as Secretary and Treasurer, was appointed to collect funds for the Viswa Bharati.—A. P.

PATNA.—The cultural section of the second session of the Bihar Students' Conference was inaugurated on Saturday morning at the Senate Hall by Sir S. Radhakrishnan. Sir Sarvapalli made an inspiring speech exhorting the students to cultivate humility.

MUTT AND JEFF—Well, It Looks as If the Old Lady Is a Buck to the Good at That — By BUD FISHER

A ONE-DOLLAR BILL WRAPPED AROUND SOME PAPER
OF COURSE, I'M GLAD TO HAVE YOU HOME, MUTT! IT MAKES ME VERY HAPPY!
MM-
NEXT MORNING
OH! IT'S GONE! IT'S GONE!
WHAT CHA LOOKING FOR, M'LOVE?
OH, DEAR! MY DIAMOND RING MUST HAVE SLIPPED OFF MY FINGER! I CAN'T FIND IT ANYWHERE!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, M'LOVE!
I CAME ACROSS IT IN MY PANTS POCKET THIS MORNING!
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ON THE AIR

MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. String music. 7-40 Vilayat Husain. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Gulshan Sufi. 8-40 News in Marathi. 8-50 News in Gujarati. 9 Sumati Trilokekar. 9-15 A. R. Oza. 9-20 Jaltarang Solo. 12-30 p.m. Bhajans. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Soothing strings. 1-10 Gujarati garbas. 1-20 Mutual understanding. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch hour music. 4-15 School broadcast. 6 To-morrow. 6-5 A. R. Oza. 5-15 S. N. Chapekar. 5-25 News in Marathi. 5-30 News in Gujarati. 5-35 Vilayat Husain. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 A. R. Oza. 6-20 Sumati Trilokekar. 6-30 Nana Ani Mani. 7 Berlin. na samachar. 7-15 Music from movies. 7-25 Local news and announcements. 7-30 Gulshan Sufi. 7-45 S. Parsekar. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 News commentary. 8-30 Matters of moment. 8-45 At a quarter to... 9 New. in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Marathi Bhavgeet. 10-10 Ghazal. 10-20 Gujarati geet. 10-30 Khayal.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Marathi duets. 8-15 Instrumental music. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Bombay 1. 8-40 Recitations from Gujarati poems. 8-50 Kannada song. 9 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

4-15 to 5-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Thumri Peelu. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Naghma. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial news. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 Vilayat Husain. 8-25 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 9 Air Orchestra. 9-10 Sindhi Kafi. 9-20 Surdasji Bhajan. 9-30 Air Trio. 10 Ruth Saolman and her Trio. 10-30 Phyllis Jeffery.

Delhi Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops in the Far East. 6 Sohan Singh. 6-20 Dularibai. 6-35 Dilip Chandra Vedi. 6-50 Bashirbai. 6-15 Irshad Ali. 6-30 Purbi on strings. 6-35 Sham ke rag. 7 Dularibai. 7-15 India as I saw it. 7-30 Bashir Ahmad Khan. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Talk relayed from the B B C. 8-45 Bashirbai. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 It has happened. 9-50 Dularibai. 10 Dilip Chandra Vedi. 10-20 Bashir Ahmad Khan. 10-30 Bashirbai.

Trade And Outside Buying On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

FURTHER REPORTS OF WEEVIL INFESTATION

Doubts About The Fate Of Smith Freezing Bill

On Friday the New York cotton market was steady on trade and outside buying influenced by further reports of crop damage by Boll Weevil. Later on there was some profittaking on doubts about the fate of the Smith Freezing Bill.

BOMBAY, Aug. 23.

The New York cotton futures market now doubts the fate of the Smith Bill, but crop damage influenced moderate buying. There was trade New Orleans and outside buying on further reports of weevil infestation in the South-East and less favourable weather which absorbed hedging and profit-taking with a leading spot house selling December and buying May. However, reports that the Farm Bureau head urges veto of the Freezing Bill resulted in final local selling, but the session closed steady.

DEMAND FOR BENGALS

Liverpool cable states:—

The official company has released United States barter cotton for spinners' requirements for the next fortnight. The company invites offers for Bengal Sind F.O.B. Bombay and Karachi. August/September shipment. Merchants wishing to offer South Brazilian cotton to the control are asked to send contracts to the company, but meanwhile no forwarding instructions should be given to Brazilian shippers Textile business is slow with orders mainly Government and home essentials. Exporters are keener about clarifying the position of new allotments than booking new business.

NEW YORK MARKET

At the moment the New York market is influenced by unfavourable weather reports and damage by insects. This year the American cotton crop is late and present weather is expected to have a marked effect on the yield.

The market opened at a rise of 6 pts with October 16.41 and advanced to 16.50, which was the highest level. The lowest point touched soon after the opening was 16.34. The market was quiet towards the close and finally quotations were 6 to 11 pts up. Spot cotton prices advanced 6 pts at 17.00c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was very steady with moderate buying and finally closed at a rise of 1 to 5 pts. Spot cotton prices improved 2 pts at 16.01c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Mr. N. S. Choksey writes in the Devkaran Nanjee weekly review:—

"The Bombay Cotton Market fluctuating both ways shows a slight gain over the close of the last week. In the beginning the tone of the market was firm on short covering and general buying and on application of Teji options on a large scale. Later, buyers became more cautious and liquidated their holdings due to the increasing tension in the Far-Eastern situation. Towards the close the prices again rallied in sympathy with the rise in New York and on the news that the Indian Mills are likely to get further large orders from the Government. There were also reports about the possibility of danger to the crops from locusts. The First All-India Cotton Forecast for 1941/42 issued on Wednesday shows the area under cultivation as 12,475,000 acres, indicating a decrease of 7 per cent compared with the corresponding revised figure of last year. The New York Market at first was quiet with the traders awaiting final disposition of the Freezing Bill. Later, it advanced on New Orleans replacement buying following deterioration reports from Texas and South Eastern States owing to insect damage and the belief that the President might sign the Freezing Bill subject to unspecified conditions. The U.S. Mills consumption during July has been 929,000 bales against 875,000 bales in the preceding month and 598,000 bales in July last year."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York October highest 16.50+14 (1-58 p.m.); lowest 16.34—02 (10-19 a.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Trade and local buying met with hedge selling. Weather continues unfavourable.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Aug.	23.
October	16.36
December	16.55
January	16.55
Middling Spot	16.94

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Aug.	23.
October	16.41
December	16.60
January	16.64
Middling Spot	16.06

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Aug.	23. Bales.
Day's receipts at all U.S. Ports	10,000

Punjab Markets Act

Date Of Operation Postponed

LAHORE, August 23.

The Punjab Government have decided to postpone the operation of the Punjab Agricultural Produce Markets Act from September 1 to October 1, 1941, in order to enable market committees, constituted under the act, to prepare their byelaws and to submit them to Government for confirmation and publication in the official "Gazette."

Out of a total number of 130 market committees, which had to be set up as many as 95 have been gazetted. Proposals with regard to the constitution of the remaining market committees are under consideration, and as soon as the personnel of these committees is settled, necessary notifications will issues.—A. P.

Govt. Help To Handloom Industry

SIMLA, Aug. 23.

The progress of schemes for assistance to the handloom industry in the provinces is likely to be examined by the Industries Conference proposed to be called by the Central Government during the coming cold weather in New Delhi. The report of the Handloom Industries Fact Finding Committee, if ready by then, will also be considered by the Conference, while the question of establishing a permanent industrial museum at the Imperial Capital may also come up for discussion.—A. P.

Bond Conversion

The total face value of the 3 per cent Bonds 1941 tendered for conversion in terms of the offer contained in the Government of India, Finance Department Notification No. D/C. 720-B/41 dated the 11th August 1941 was Rs. 8,26,13,800. Of this Rs. 5,48,81,500 was converted into 3 per cent Loan, 1949/52 and Rs. 2,77,32,200 into 3 per cent Loan, 1963/65. As the total outstanding was Rs. 10,67,31,700, the unconverted balance is Rs. 2,41,17,900.

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

RECEIPTS INTO BOM. OF IND. COTTON

Bombay: August 23.

In full-pressed bales.	Yesterday.	Since 1st Septr. This year.	Last year
Khandesh		100,995	55,591
Central India	52	149,508	109,361
Barsi and Nagar		124,795	114,118
Hyderabad/Gaorani		50,825	47,970
Berar	61	386,088	318,615
Central Provinces	53	78,005	76,962
Total Oomras	166	890,216	722,620
Dholeras		102,151	89,297
N.-W. Provinces		2,049	26,079
Rajputana		6,778	35,228
Sind-Punjab		576,184	383,573
Broach		299,875	409,044
Coompta & Dharwar	371	153,417	52,493
Westerns-Northerns		112,635	37,804
Cocanada		239	86
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	1,137	18,996	1,412
Total	1,564	2,152,388	1,757,636
Arrived by road to 14th August 1941		366,133	339,387

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: August 23.

	Extra Spr.	fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F.G.	Good
M G Bengal U P		162	160	158	155	
M G Punjab		162	160	158	155	
M G Rajputana		171	169	167	164	
M G Oomra No. 3	211	208	205	202	..	
M G C. P. No. 1	239	236	233	230	..	
M G C. P. No. 2	219	216	213	210	..	
M G Broach No. 2	234	231	228	226	..	
M G Punjab/American	289	286	283	281	..	
M G Surat	363	360	357	355	..	
M G Rajpipla	359	356	353	351	..	
M G Navsari	371	368	365	363	..	

AMERICAN COTONT FIGURES

F. P. Bales.	1941/42	1940/41
Receipts to date 22-8-41	211000	240000
Receipts yesterday 22-8-41	12000	22000
Exports to date 15-8-41	28000	35000
Stock at Ports 15-8-41	3169000	2480000
Stock at interior towns do	2079000	1906000
Stock at Liverpool 15-8-41	.....	.....
Visible Supply 15-8-41	.....	.....
Quantity in sight 15-8-41	268000	217000
Quantity out of sight 15-8-41	.....	.....

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS

Bombay: August 23.

188 cases ale, 71 c/s cutch, 127 pcs eng planks, 901 pcs Kamjin boards, 1345 pcs Eng scantlings, 70 c/s G squares, 44 pcs Eng squares, 1018 bdls P and K short scantlings 9109 pcs and bdls teakwood.

EXPORTS

Bombay: August 23.

680 cases cashew kerneis in tins L Shamji 140 bags flea seed husks Keshavji Virji and Co; 291 bags psyllium husk D Abraham and Sons; 1520 tons pig iron The Tata Iron and Steel Co Ltd; 100 bls cotton waste Champaklal and Co; 100 bls cotton waste V A Save and Co; 250 bags mucilage husk D Abraham and Sons; 523 bags fleaseed husk D Abraham and Sons; 13 bls cotton prints Thos Cook and Son Ltd; 300 bags gum E Mavji and Co; 1074 bls raw cotton Japan Ctn Trading Co Ltd; 308 bags myrabolliam K Tricamji; 762 bags myrabolliam crushed K Tricamji; 124 bags myrabollam P Mathradas and Co Ltd; 248 bags myrabollam Arvindkumar Nandlal and Co; 696 bags myrabollam crushed H Bhagwandas and Co; 914 bgs talcum powder B Jani and Sons; 91 bales cotton twist waste Sapt Textile Products (India) Ltd; 31 drums magnesium chloride The Pioneer Magnesia Works Ltd; 100 bls cotton grey yarn East and West Agencies; 15 bales cotton yarn Kotak and Co; 39 bales cotton pcegoods Chinoobhai and Bros; 25 bls cotton grey yarn Chinoobhai and Bros; 51 bales cotton pcegoods Ralli Bros Ltd.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Aug. 23.

T. T. London on:	
New York	4..02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2
Madrid	40.50
Montreal	4.43/4.47
Berne	17.30/17,40
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

WAR RISKS INSURANCE

KARACHI, August 24.

The Karachi Indian Merchants' Association has expressed their objection to the proposed introduction of compulsory war-risk insurance of immovable property by the Government of India and support instead a scheme on a voluntary basis at reasonable rates commensurate with the risk involved.—A. P.

Ban On Overland Export From Burma

RANGOON, August 24.

The export overland from Burma of fifteen articles has been prohibited by the Controller of Supplies except under a license issued by him. The articles comprise safety razors and blades, soap of all sorts, toothpaste, tooth brushes, talcum powder, hazelin snow, cigarette and tobacco, face powder, lipstick, perfumes, shampoos, hair cream and face cream. The personal effects of travellers, provided they are reasonable, are not affected by this order, says a Press "Communique".—A. P.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, August 24.

All India weather upto 8 hours Sunday: Shade Temperature, (Maximum, Minimum) rainfall past 24 hours, since 1st June, departure from normal.

Stations.	Maximum	Minimum	Rainfall for 24 hrs.	Since 1st June.	Departure from normal.
Chittagong	87	79 0	61.4		+2.8
Calcutta	91	79 0.2	54.9		+20.6
Patna	88	79 0.7	20.5		—9.6
Allahabad	87	79 0	14.1		
Cawnpore	91	75 0	14.1		—8.4
Lucknow	92	79 T	16.8		—7.7
Jhansi	91	75 0	13.7		—11.1
Agra	99	79 -0	11.4		—6.1
Bareilly	93	81 0	22.3		—6.1
Dehradun	87	72 0	46.2		—12.3
Delhi	98	81 0	7.9		—8.7
Ambala	91	75 T	15.1		—2.0
Ludhiana	95	77 0	16.1		—0.1
Lahore	97	81 0	7.7		—4.0
Sialkot	93	74 0	14.9		—2.6
Rawalpindi	97	66 1.0	19.7		+2.3
Lyallpur	97	81 0	13.6		+5.9
Multan	100	82 0	1.7		—2.8
Srinagar	91	66 0	4.9		—0.4
Peshawar	99	73 0	2.3		—1.4
Dehra Ismailkhan	101	80 0	4.1		—0.4
Khandwa	85	73 0	21.2		+2.1
Jubbulpore	83	73 0	31.7		—6.8
Nagpur	89	75 0	32.0		+0.1
BOMBAY	85	77 T	27.7		—25.8
Ratnagiri	85	80 0	46.8		—30.8
Ahmednagar	88	66 0	4.2		—6.0
Poona	82	73 T	16.3		+1.4
Sholapur	98	71 0	7.3		—5.2
Hyderabad (Dn)	91	74 0	9.3		—6.5
Bangalore	82	67 0	9.5		—1.7
Mysore	85	68 T	7.9		+0.4
Calicut	82	75 0.1	75.6		—1.7
Madras	98	79 0	7.0		—2.3
Shillong	74	62 0	46.8		+4.5
Darjeeling	64	58 0.1	61.8		—20.2
Kodaikanal	68	53 0.2	12.9		—1.4
Jaipur	90	75 0	6.4		—10.0
Ajmer	86	75 6	11.3		—2.9
Deesa	88	77 0	24.2		+6.0
Rajkot	91	78 0	19.6		—0.2
Ahmedabad	91	79 0	43.2		+20.6
Bhopal	83	73 0	26.0		
Akola	87	73 0	22.3		+2.7
Amraoti	86	72 0	19.3		—0.8
Indore	81	71 0	27.2		+5.3
Malegaon	90	73 0	8.0		—3.4
Mussoorie	70	59 0	51.0		—6.9
Mahableshwar	65	62 0.2	168.6		—43.4
Baroda	89	76 0	38.1		
Bhawalpur	101	81 0	2.3		—1.3
Belgaum	78	67 0	36.4		+3.8
Murree	70	53 0.1	19.4		—8.9
Cherapunji	73	65 T	230.8		—29.7
Bijapur	90	68 0	5.7		—1.7
Dalhousie	76	61 0	46.4		—1.5
Khandalla		0 .7	121.3		
Mount Abu	72	62 0	60.9		+16.5
Ootacamund	65	52 0.1	22.6		+2.6
Jodhpur	90	76 0	6.3		—2.2
Gwalior	90	79 0	9.9		

T indicates rainfall from 1 to 4 cents. —A. P.

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, August 24.

Observations from many stations in north-east India are wanting.

Rainfall has been fairly widespread from the east United Provinces to west Bengal and local in Orissa, east Central Provinces, east Central India and Malabar. A few falls occurred in east Bengal, east and north Punjab, north-west Frontier Province, Konkan and south-east Madras.—A. P.

ACTION AGAINST "RECALCITRANT" LEADERS

LAHORE.—The Merchants' Association of Lyallpur decided on Aug. 24 to demand the resignation of those traders from the membership of the marketing committees constituted under the Marketing Act, who accepted seats on such committees in contravention of the recent decision of the Lyallpur Traders' Conference.

The Association proposes to take action against recalcitrant members by asking the traders to boycott them. It also passed a resolution expressing want of confidence in the present committees. —United Press.

ALLEGED FATAL ASSAULT ON YOUNG WOMAN

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Twenty-year old Sitabai Gangaram Changu, had her abdomen ripped open, sometime this morning, when her husband Gangaram Changu paid a surprise visit to Fatmabai Building at DeLisle Road, the residence of her mother with whom the girl was living.

The girl died in the J. J. Hospital where she was removed after the stabbing.

It is understood that the girl was living with her mother due to a misunderstanding with her husband.

The police are looking out for Gangaram Changu.

Dye-Stuffs Import

KARACHI, August 24.

The Import Trade Controller, Karachi, in the course of a Press Communique announces that special licenses for the import of dyestuffs for shipment during the three bi-monthly periods July-August, September-October and November-December, 1941, will be granted only to registered importers.

Each registered importer will be allotted an annual quota for 1941 in respect of each of the following countries namely the United States of America, Switzerland and Japan.

The annual quota will be based on the value of their imports from the same country during the calendar year, 1940.—A. P.

LUCKNOW.—A new scheme to restrict the consumption of liquor in the mill areas in Cawnpore has recently been put into operation by the U. P. Government. Nineteen mills out of a total of 80, employing about 16,000 workers are stated to be co-operating in Government's efforts to make the scheme successful.

Satyagraha In Orissa

CUTTACK, August 23.

"The principal call of an unusual kind for the police during the year was the Satyagraha campaign, which was introduced towards the end of the year. Fortunately, as a result of the instructions issued by the leader of the movement, no disturbances were caused in this province. The police performed their duties in this respect, with tact and firmness, and H. E. the Governor is glad to observe that these duties did not materially affect the good relations between the public and the police", says the report of the administration of the Police Department in Orissa for the year 1940.

The report adds: "This year there was no agitation in the neighbouring Orissa States, and the resultant problems of the two previous years, which had caused grave concern to the Provincial Government, no longer existed.

"The Provincial Government note with regret the increase in loss of life through railway accidents. This question has been the subject matter of correspondence with the Railway Board."—United Press.

'WHIRLAWAY' WINS AMERICAN DERBY

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.

"Whirlaway", the American wonder horse, by winning the American Derby, has added yet another famous race to the long chain of triumphs, which includes the big treble—Kentucky Derby, Peakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes—this latter feat having been achieved by only four other horses in American Turf history.

Starting favourite at ten to one on in a field of five, "Whirlaway" won by two and a half lengths, completing a mile and a quarter in a time equal to the record set up by "Cavalcade" in 1934—two minutes, four seconds. "Bushwacker" ran second and "Delray" third.—Reuter.

Charity Match

PATNA, August 23.

The Mohemmedan Sporting, Calcutta's Football League Champions and I. F. A. Shield Holder of the year, defeated the East Bengal, Calcutta, by one goal to nil in a charity football match played here this afternoon in aid of the Patna District war funds. The event drew in a large crowd.—A. P.

7 Miles Swimming Competition

CALCUTTA, August 24.

The eleventh annual seven miles swimming competition organised by the Ananda Sporting Club Calcutta was held this afternoon in the river Hooghly. Thirty-five competitors faced the starter, including two girls Kumari Asima Nandy (10) and Kumari Chameli Dey (13).

The start was made from Willingdon Bridge and when the winning post was reached, 33 finished including the two girls.

B. K. Bannerjee of the river Thompson School (Bally) won the race and was closely followed by F. C. Bannerjee of the Mandal Friends Union. The winners timing was one hour and seven minutes 25-1/5 seconds.

This is the only long distance swimming competition in the country, since the abandonment of the thirty miles competition about four years ago

RESULTS

B. K. Bannerjee (River Thompson School, Bally)	I
F. C. Bannerjee (Mandal Friends Union)	II
D. C. Maity (Black and White Club)	III
K. Misir (Bhagirathan Sanga)	IV
S. N. Saha (Ananda Sporting Club)	V

—A. P.

J. M. Mehta And Mrs. Hanson Win Mixed Doubles

CALCUTTA, August 24.

A Madan Mohan, the former All-India Singles champion, became the new holder of the South Club Hard Courts Championship this evening.

Dilip Bose who has been suffering from a severe cold, sportingly took the court against Madan Mohan, and when the first set was 5/2 in favour of Madan Mohan, Bose retired.

J. M. Mehta and Mrs Hanson won the Mixed Doubles, defeating P. N. Murti and Mrs. Cargin in straight sets.

The first set was won by Mehta and Mrs. Hanson at 6/3 but in the second set the winners dropped only one game.

RESULTS

OPEN MEN SINGLES:—A Madan Mohan beat Dilip Bose 5/2 (retired).

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES:—J M Mehta and Mrs. Hanson beat P. N. Murti and Mrs Cargin 6/3, 6/1.—A. P.

PRAYERS IN TEMPLES FOR ALLIES VICTORY

KUMBAKONAM, August 22.

At the instance of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board, a special worship is being held in the Hindu temples all over the Tanjore District since the last four days for the early victory of Britain and the Allies in the war. The expenses involved would be borne by the Devasthanams concerned. The worship is to continue for forty-five days. —A. P.

JUBBULPORE, August 23.

In view of the increasing menace of 'goonda' elements in Damoh powers under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules have been delegated by the Provincial Government to the Deputy Commissioner of Saugor authorising him to curtail the activities of 'goondas' in Damoh by restricting their movements either by interning or externing undesirable persons.—A. P.

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Mahatma Indicts Burma Agreement

'UNDESERVED SLUR BOTH ON INDIA AND BURMA'

WARDHA Aug. 24.

The opinion that the Indo-Burma Agreement is an undeserved slur both on India and Burma and that he refuses to believe that it was made in response to a vital cry from the great Burmese nation is expressed by Mahatma Gandhi in a statement.

THEY CAN'T BE FOREIGNERS

Mahatma Gandhi says that Indians in Burma and Burmans in India can never be Foreigners in the same sense as people from the west.

UNDO IT, SAYS MAHATMA

"THIS AGREEMENT", HE SAYS, "MUST BE UNDONE INASMUCH AS IT BREAKS EVERY CANON OF INTERNATIONAL PROPRIETY".

The following is the full text of the statement:—

Being vitally connected with immigration problems and having been in South Africa for twenty years, I am naturally interested in the Indo-Burma immigration agreement. It has caused me deep pain. I have collected as much literature as I could on the subject. I have studied as much of it as was necessary to enable me to form an opinion and as was possible during the very limited time at my disposal.

PANICKY AND PENAL

My study has led me to the conclusion that it is an unhappy agreement.

It is panicky and penal. In the papers I find no reason to warrant any panic nor do I find any warrant for the severe punishment meted out to the Indians resident in Burma.

The burden of proving the right to remain in Burma has in every case been thrown on the Indian resident. One would have thought that the least that should have been done was to have automatically recognised as fully domiciled every Indian found in Burma on the date of promulgation of the Agreement.

I am acquainted with the immigration laws of South Africa and other countries. In every case the restrictions have been imposed by legislation and after fairly full opportunity being given for the expression of public opinion Legislation has been preceded by considerable lapse of time for the ventilation of views on the mere proposal for legislation.

SECRECY AND MYSTERY

In this case secrecy and mystery have surrounded the agreement which has been sprung upon an unsuspecting public.

The whole thing appears still more hideous when we recall the fact that only a few years ago Burma was an integral part of India.

Does the partition make India a leper country the presence of whose inhabitants must carry heavy penalties including the tickets of leave such as criminals carry? They do not cease to be less offensive because they bear the inoffensive name of passports and permits. I should be prepared to understand the validity of the permit and passport system when the necessity is clearly established, I must refuse to believe that this agreement is in response to a vital cry from the great Burmese nation with which the people of India never had any quarrel and with which India had enjoyed cultural contact long before the advent of the foreigner from the west.

We can never be in Burma or the Burmans in India foreigners in the same sense as people from the west. There has been free commerce and emigration to Burma for hundreds of years.

This drastic agreement is an undeserved slur both on India and Burma.

REMINDER OF BR. HEEL!

This agreement is a brutal reminder that both India and Burma are under the British heel and that the Government of India Act and the Government of Burma Act gave no real freedom to the respective peoples. They give no scope for full growth to us. I fear that this statement of mine will not please the Premier of Burma who may think that the Agreement is a popular act. He will soon discover the error if he has not already that he has not served his people but that he has played himself into the hands of those who would want to exploit Burma to the exclusion of any rivals. I must admit that Indians have ben partners with the westerners in the exploitation of Burma, but with this fundamental difference that the westerner went to Burma with his gun, while the Indian went on sufferance as he has always done in every part of the world.

AWAIT TILL FREE

We cannot exist in Burma for one single day without Burmese goodwill.

I would plead with the Burmese Ministers and the Burmese people that they should wait for the regulation of immigration till both of us are free and independent for such regulation.

I flatter myself with the belief that when that happy day arrives as it must, such matters will regulate themselves, for we shall never want to impose our nationals on one another.

Smash The Agreement

But I have strayed. My purpose just now is to show that this agreement must be undone inasmuch as it breaks every cannon of international propriety. It becomes less defensible in that an Indian instead of an Englishman was sent to negotiate the agreement. It is an old and familiar trick, that of putting up an Indian to perform a disagreeable task. Nor is it relevant that the agreement had the approval of local Indian opinion. For the agreement is an insult to the whole nation, not merely to the particular individuals whose material interests lie in Burma. But even if it was relevant, there should be evidence to show the volume and character of that opinion.

WHAT BAXTER REPORT SAID

When I come to examine the Baxter Report, which became the prelude to the Agreement, it contains nothing to justify the Agreement. This was the reference made to Mr. Baxter:—

"The enquiry will be directed to ascertaining—

(1) The volume of Indian immigration;

((2) To what extent it is seasonal and temporary and to what extent permanent;

(3) In what occupations Indians are mainly employed and the extent to which they are unemployed or under employed;

(4) Whether in such employ-

(Continued on page 2).

King Leopold

Refuses To Become 'Belgian Laval'

LONDON, August 23.

King Leopold has refused to become a "Belgian Laval" according to a Geneva report quoted by the Moscow Radio.

In attempts to quell the rising tide of resistance in Belgium, the Germans have twice proposed that King Leopold should return to the throne but each time he declined.—Reuter.

"Mere Criticism Of Gandhi Or Marx Is No Politics"

PATNA, Aug. 23.

The open session of the Bihar Students Federation commenced here this afternoon at the Anjuman-I-Islamia hall under the presidentship of Mazharali, Joint Secretary of the All-India Students' Federation.

Addressing the conference, Mr. Mazharali said that it was not possible for students who were a progressive section of the population to be indiferent towards current political thoughts. Mere criticism of Gandhi or Marx did not constitute real politics, he observed. Students had their own part to play in the national struggle.

He foresaw the birth of a new world order devoid of exploitation of Man by Man and said that time had come to strive for such an order.

The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Bishwanath Mukerjee of the Bengal Students' Federation and was largely attended.—A P.

Lieut.-Col. Jalal Shah

The Governor of Bombay has made the following appointments with effect from the afternoon of August 7, 1941, vice Lieutenant-Colonel S. L. Bhatia, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India for appointment as Additional Deputy Director General, Indian Medical Service:—

Lieutenant-Colonel J. M. Shah, (Retired), to do the duties of the Superintendent, J. J. Group of Hospitals, Bombay, pending further orders.

Rao Bahadur R. C. Motwani, to officiate as Principal, Grant Medical College, Bombay, in addition to his own duties as Professor of Anatomy at the College, pending further orders.

CONGRESS MUST RECAPTURE POLITICAL POWER

Satyamurti's Plea For Bold Programme Of Action

MADRAS, Aug. 23.

Mr S. Satyamurthi addressed in Tamil a largely attended meeting of the Congress House maidan this evening.

Mr. V. M. Odeidullah, President of the Tamilnad Congress who presided and other speakers felicitated Mr. Satyamurthi on his 54th birthday and wished him long life and useful service in the cause of country.

"Whatever be my difference with a particular policy or programme of the Congress", said Mr. Satyamurthi," I am bound by the ultimate decision of the Congress and the Congress discipline. My faith in the Congress and Mahatma Gandhi is unshaken and unshakable."

Incidentally he referred to the war situation and said that in view of the potent danger to India both from east and west, there lay a great responsibility on everyone of them to see to the protection of India from external aggression and internal disorder. They had at the same time to carry on their work for the freedom of the country. He doubted whether the present policy of the Congress would meet the changed situation. The Congress, he said, should come out with a bold programme of action and recapture political power in the country. He added that he would be meeting Mahatma Gandhi next month in this connection and plead with him for a revision of the Congress policy.

Concluding he appealed to the people to stand firm by the Congress and uphold its prestige and honour.

Mr S. Satyamurthi left Madras tonight for Negapatam. He will be returning to Madras on Monday.—A P.

Madrid Agreement

SPANIARDS TO HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS WITH NAZI WORKERS

MADRID, Aug. 24.

An agreement specifying equal rights with German workers for Spaniards sent to Germany has been signed to-day at the Spanish Foreign Ministry between Senor Pelayo Garcia, head of the European Section, and Gustav Roediger, Ministerial Counsellor at the German Foreign Office.

It is recalled that last July an agreement was reached for an interchange of German and Spanish workers, but to-day's agreement is solely for Spanish workers to go to Germany.—Reuter.

Mr. D. V. Saraiya, President, State Council, Dharampur, retired on a pension after a long and distinguished service of 35 years. He was accorded a joint address by the officers and the public of the State.

VON PAPEN'S "NO" TO BERLIN

LONDON, Aug. 23.

Von Papen, the Nazi Ambassador to Turkey, has refused to obey a summons to Berlin, according to the Moscow radio. He is insisting, says the radio report, on a guarantee of his personal security.

Kroll, Counsellor of the German Embassy in Ankara, has left for Berlin in his stead, it is added.

German circles in Ankara attach great importance to his visit, the report states.—Reuter.

VICHY 'DEAL' TO COMMUNISTS

Minister Lays His Plans Before Cabinet

VICHY, August 23.

The French Cabinet held two meetings to-day.

The morning session was followed by a further meeting this afternoon. Later M. Pucheu, Minister of the Interior, held a conference with the representatives of the French and Foreign Press. He made a number of statements on internal problems which would be published simultaneously in occupied and unoccupied zones.

M. Pucheu informed the Cabinet of the measures taken to deal with Communist plots and acts of sabotage and terrorism, according to the Lyons radio.

The Cabinet, added the radio, decided to prepare a concrete plan to remedy the social consequences of the slackening of economic activity in the country and shortage of raw materials.—Reuter.

LIVING IN A WORLD OF HALLUCINATIONS"

Smuts' Attack On Malan And His Supporters

BETHEL (Transvaal), Aug. 23.

General Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa, received an enthusiastic demonstration of loyalty from hundreds of old comrades-in-arms and greybearded veterans of the Anglo-Boer war when he visited Eastern Transvaal for a great United Party rally which was attended by many thousands.

Gen. Smuts rode into town on horseback at the head of a mounted Guard of Honour of a hundred war veterans. He was loudly cheered when he referred to the Plethora of would-be Fuehrers among the nationalists and the confusion and disintegration which their ambitious activities were now causing in their own ranks. He said that it was deplorable that there were political leaders including Doctor Malan admittedly hoping for German victory so that they would get a so-called free republic from the bloody hands of Hitler.

These politicians, he said, were living in a world of hallucinations and self-deception and he was convinced that many of the present supporters of the Opposition would soon realise that the Government's policy of full co-operation with the friends of the Commonwealth and of defending the country beyond the frontiers was the right one. This he explained, only meant keeping South Africa clear of the dangers with which the world today is beset.—Reuter.

In view of the increasing graveness of the situation in the districts of Bhind, Gird, Morena and Shipuri and also in the districts of Sheopur and Goona the Scindia Durbar have sanctioned further reliefs which includes a grant of Rs. 25,000 from the Faine Fund for purchasing fodder and reselling it at Re. 1 per Maund, grant of Rs. 40,128 for construction of Rajoda Tank in district Morena and Rs. 6,000 for repairs of certain tanks in Chanderi, both to be started as Famine Works immediately.

QUEST FOR PEACE IN FAR EAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.

The gap between American and Japanese policies in the Far East "must be bridged", declared Admiral Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to the United States, at a Press Conference after he had seen Mr. Cordell Hull.

Admiral Nomura added: "I have a very strong conviction that it will be, though, I don't know just how."

He declared, his conference with Mr. Hull embodied a frank general discussion of the problems affecting the Pacific but no agreements were reached.

"We talked not as diplomats but as human beings in an effort to find mutually satisfactory solutions of the major differences."—Reuter.

TYPICAL CENTURY BY HAMMOND

CAIRO, Aug. 24.

A typical century by the England cricketer, Walter Hammond, which included three sixes and ten fours, gave the Gezira Club a victory over the First South African Infantry Brigade.

Batting fourth, Hammond was last out being caught and bowled by Wynne, immediately following completion of his century.

Full scores: SOUTH AFRICANS —171 and Gezira Club 260 (Ford 31, Forsyth 40, Hammond 100.)

The youthful brother of the Transvaal International cricketer Eric Rowan, took four wickets for 73.—Reuter.

Duke Of Kent For New York

TORONTO, Aug. 23.

The Duke of Kent is flying to New York to-day for a five days' visit to the United States.

On his arrival he will drive to Hyde Park to meet President Roosevelt and will later go to Washington with the President.—Reuter.

Forestalling German Move Towards Dakar

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.

Regarding the move to speed-up the delivery of American planes to British forces in the Middle East and forestall any German move towards Dakar, Pan American Airways have filed an application before the Civil Aeronautics Board to operate a commercial route to Belgian Congo.

The Company has applied for a permit to operate a transport service on a route which will be followed by bombers. It will be available for general commercial service.

The Trans-African route is not included but is expected to be filed later.—Reuter.

U.S. RESTRICTION ON INSTALMENT CREDIT

WASHINGTON, August 23.

The Federal Reserve Board today issued an order restricting instalment credit on 24 types of consumer goods ranging from motorcars to trombones and on home renovation loans and small cash loans.—Reuter.

Mob Raids Temple: One Killed

CALCUTTA, August 24.

One man was killed and another severely injured by a mob, which raided a temple in village Jaydevkundo in Burdwan District, according to a telegram received at the headquarters of the Provincial Hindu Mahasabha from Burdwan. No further details of the incident are available.—A P.

Greatest Orator Of India

CALCUTTA, August 24.

"The statue will be a visible memorial of a very great man, who was one of the pioneers of the Indian political movement and was acknowledged as the greatest orator India has produced in the last sixty years", says a message sent by Dr. R. P. Paranjpye, regretting his inability to be present at the unveiling ceremony of Sir Surendra Nath Banerjee's statue, which takes place on August 31 at the Curzon Park.—A. P.

SIMLA, August 23.—It is understood that a meeting of the Standing Finance Committee will be held in Simla on September, 8. —United Press.

Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE AND THE FLYING SQUAD

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THEY LOOK FINE, EH, MAJOR?
DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! SOMETHING'S WRONG! CALL SCOTLAND YARD— HAVE THEIR BEST MAN OVER AT ONCE!
SCOTLAND YARD SENT ME, MAJOR. WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
I WISH I KNEW, INSPECTOR WADE! SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS IS—
MAJOR, LOOK!
GREAT SCOTT, HE'S PULLING OUT OF FORMATION!
HE'S GOING TO CRASH!
CRASH
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